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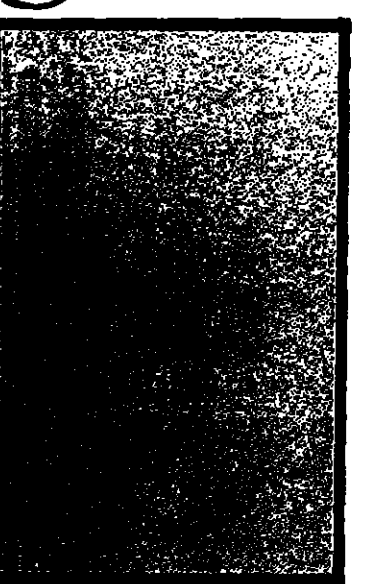
Rotation compromise worked out Likud, Labour to sign pact today

By SARAH HONIG ROY ISACOWITZ and Jerusalem Post Reporters
A compromise agreement worked out between Likud and Labour yesterday will likely be signed this morning, ending the rotation crisis which has held up the formation of a new government under Yitzhak Shamir.
President Herzog is to charge Shamir this morning with forming a new government which should be sworn in at a special Knesset session on Monday.
Late last night the Likud leaders were reported to have accepted the principle that any change in the

function of ministers or deputy ministers will be subject to the joint approval of the premier and the vice premier.
Political observers were agreed last night that Labour had little choice yesterday but to agree quickly to some face-saving formula, when it became inevitable that Herzog would entrust Shamir with the formation of the next government, whether Labour joined in the recommendation or not.
By mid-day 63 MKs, including the religious parties, Tehiya, Ometz, and Tami, were behind Shamir, more than the minimal number he needed.
When Labour realized this, there was a sudden rush to find a way out of the impasse. MK Dan Meridor of the Likud and cabinet secretary Yosef Beilin (whose proposed appointment as ambassador to Washington was the main bone of contention) finally phrased the compromise, which was approved at a brief meeting between Shamir and Peres later that afternoon. (See compromise agreement.)
On this note of optimism a Labour contingent headed by party secretary-general Uzi Baram called on the president yesterday evening and recommended that he impose the task of forming the government on the Likud. The Labour group pledged to support the national unity

Phantom downed over S. Lebanon One pilot rescued, hunt launched for missing crewman

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Defence Correspondent
Israeli air and sea forces were conducting a massive search early this morning for a pilot missing after a Phantom jet was downed during an attack on Fatah bases in south Lebanon yesterday. A second member of the plane's crew was rescued in a daring mission 90 minutes after the plane crashed.
An unconfirmed report from the Reuters news agency in Beirut yesterday said that one of the pilots was killed by anti-aircraft fire after bailing out.
Tat-Aluf Ephraim Lapid, the chief IDF spokesman, said last night that "the Israel Defence Forces will not rest until we have recovered the missing man."
News of the plane's downing was held up by the military censor for eight hours, while Israeli forces conducted searches for the missing pilot.
The IAF raid was carried out by four aircraft against a pro-Arafat terror base according to foreign sources. The base is four kilometres southeast of Sidon.
The plane was probably hit by a SA-7 shoulder-held missile during the raid on the terrorist positions at Mardoush.
The rescued pilot was treated at Haifa's Rambam Hospital and released last night.
Four Palestinians were killed in the air raid, according to first reports reaching Israel.
The raid followed the grenade attack on Wednesday night at the Dung Gate in Jerusalem's Old City. One person was killed and 70 were injured in that terror attack.
Because the terrorists were expecting retaliation, heavy groundfire



South Lebanon not to harm the missing pilot. Israel also made clear that it expected Amal to return the pilot if he fell into the militia's hands.
Amal issued conflicting statements yesterday on the fate of the crewmen - claiming it had captured both, denying it was holding them, and saying one had been captured while the other had landed dead.
According to news agency reports from Sidon, reporters and photographers saw the plane explode in mid-air. It then crashed in a ball of fire in a valley between the towns of Mardoush and Tambourin.
An agency reporter saw the plane wreckage smouldering from a 50-metre distance 90 minutes after the crash. Amal militiamen cordoned the immediate vicinity and refused to allow newsmen or photographers to get closer.
Israeli jets returned shortly before nightfall to strafe the area where the two pilots landed. An Amal spokesman said five militiamen were wounded in the strafing runs.
Beirut-based radio stations claimed last night that Israeli rescuers had landed in the Sidon region behind massive gunboat bombardment at nightfall in an attempt to rescue the remaining pilot.
They said Israeli gunboats illuminated the city and its environs with powerful projectors and flares after nightfall. The highways linking the city with northern and southern Lebanon were also lit up, they added.
"Residents of Sidon and its surroundings were instructed to black out their house windows and motorists were asked to drive at night with their lights out," the spokesman said.

'Post' investigation reveals: Herut's secret settlement plans

By GERSHOM GORENBERG Jerusalem Post Reporter
Herut settlement officials have prepared plans for a massive new settlement drive in the territories after rotation, based in part on work already carried out at new settlement sites in the West Bank, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.
Highly-placed government sources who spoke to *The Post* yesterday confirmed that Likud settlement chiefs have put together operative plans for setting up new settlements in the territories, and not only enlarging existing ones.
Bitter battles can be expected in

the coming weeks between Labour and the Likud over the settlement issue, conversations with knowledgeable sources have indicated. Sharp infighting between Herut politicians seeking control of a new settlement drive is also likely.
Housing Minister David Levy reportedly favours enlarging urban settlements in the territories. But Mattityahu Droblies, the Herut co-chief of the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Division apparently wants to establish a large number of new smaller settlements.
Details of a plan calling for the establishment of 41 new settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are shown on a "work map" prepared by the WZO Samaria and Judea Planning Staff Settlement Division, which works under Droblies. *The Post* recently obtained a copy of the map.
An aide to Droblies told *The Post* last weekend that Droblies would present the map to incoming prime minister Yitzhak Shamir at a meeting Sunday morning before Yom Kippur - two days after Prime Minister Peres resigned.
Asked later about the meeting, Droblies categorically denied it had taken place, adding "I'm not obligated to report to you."
The other co-chief of the Settlement Division, Nissim Zvili of Labour, said after looking at the map that it had been prepared by the so-called "100,000 team" that works under Droblies on plans to settle 100,000 Jews in the territories. Zvili said he had not seen the map until shown it by *The Post*.
Droblies, however, claimed the map had been prepared by a "low-level employee" and insisted that it "was never accepted by me or by the division." He said it was one of a number of proposals for future settlement.

Rafael blasts Kimche

By BENNY MORRIS Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Former Foreign Ministry director-general Gideon Rafael yesterday assailed "the decline in recent years of Israel's foreign service," which he attributed partly to "politicization" under the outgoing director-general, David Kimche.
Rafael said that the ministry is characterized by "increased mediocrity, and overwhelming conformism. Never has a yes-saying foreign minister been surrounded by so many yes-men."
Reacting to a television interview Wednesday night with Kimche, Rafael said that both the 1983 Israel-Lebanon agreement and the 1986 Israel-Egypt Taba agreement were far from successes in diplomacy, as claimed by Kimche. Both, said

Police probe: soldiers left their posts

By HIRSH GOODMAN and YORAM GAZIT
As police and army sources gave different versions yesterday as to who was responsible for protecting the participants in the Givati swearing-in ceremony at the Western Wall, a preliminary police inquiry revealed that the Givati security detail on duty for the ceremony left their posts prior to the grenade attack.
The attack on the soldiers and their families near the Dung Gate as they were leaving the ceremony killed one person and injured 70.
The police inquiry revealed that the Givati unit commanders on duty in the parking lot where the attack took place were called away to organize the soldiers in unit formations, just before the attack. Jerusalem police commander Tzvi Nitzav Yosef Yehudai said that had they remained there, this in itself might not have prevented the attack.
IDF sources charged that responsibility for security fell on the police for the entire ceremony, but a police spokesman countered that the police were there only to direct traffic.
The IDF has set up its own inquiry to look into the incident, but military officials maintained that this was done as a "matter of course" and not because specific failings were suspected.
Privately, however, senior military sources told *The Post* that "this was an incident that should not have happened." Swearing-in ceremonies at the Wall had become routine, they pointed out, with large concentrations of recruits congregating repeatedly at the same place, at the same time. "With the knowledge of hindsight," one source said "we should have predicted such an eventuality."
The parking lot where the attack was carried out is badly lit and no special arrangements had been made to protect the soldiers or their families. Moreover, it was pointed out, the area of the attack was "almost perfect" from the terrorists' point of view, offering easy getaway routes and cover.
Military sources privately disagreed with a contention made Wednesday by Defence Minister Rabin that the soldiers were not the target of the attack.
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'Teddy Fund' file closed

By MENACHEM SHALEV
"I am relieved that this painful affair is finally over" said Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek last night after hearing of Attorney-General Yosef Harish's decision to close the "Keren Teddy" ("Teddy Fund") police file.
Harish announced that in establishing and maintaining the fund he had "not found that Kollek had committed any crimes or used the fund in bad faith."
"Keren Teddy" is a private discretionary fund of donations given to Kollek by friends from abroad to distribute as he sees fit. The police investigated allegations that the fund had been used to bribe public officials.
Kollek said that "it was hard to describe the personal hardships which resulted from an investigation which dragged out needlessly for many months, accompanied by malicious publications." Kollek thanked Harish, who "despite his many obligations quickly completed his handling of the case."
Kollek added: "All my life I have toiled for the country, for the city and for the public. My final results not from the personal affront but rather from the damage which might have been inflicted on the municipality and on the Jerusalem Foundation who were unjustifiably dragged into this affair."
Harish did issue a caveat against funds such as Keren Teddy, saying that Kollek's fund "conceals a danger that in certain circumstances it might be used in contravention of proper administration procedures."
He said that he would establish a team to study such funds and to lay down guidelines for their operation.
News of Harish's decision reached Jerusalem's city council while it was in session. Reuven Rivlin, leader of the Likud opposition, said that "what Teddy suffered during the investigation would have broken a lesser man." Kollek thanked the opposition for not exploiting the investigation for political gain. After the meeting, council members drank a toast in response to the news.

Bank Leumi to slash salaries

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN and PINHAS LANDAU Jerusalem Post Reporters
TEL AVIV. - Bank Leumi announced yesterday that it would cut the salaries of its top officers and pare its upper management.
The decision came as the Knesset Finance Committee demanded full details of the salaries and other compensation for top executives at the country's commercial banks.
Leumi said the cutbacks would include a sharp reduction in the severance compensation paid former chairman Ernest Japhet - which was reportedly \$5 million - when he was forced to resign earlier this year, following the Beiski Report on the bank share crisis.
Earlier in the day Japhet's office was invaded by dozens of staff workers demanding he cut his remaining connections with the bank and return the compensation.
Nonetheless, Leumi insisted that the decisions taken yesterday by its board at a five-hour meeting were in no way connected with the controversy that arose last week on bankers' salaries. The bank said the decision was the culmination of several months' discussion.
It offered no details on the size of the planned salary cuts, but it did say 100 senior management positions from the rank of assistant general manager upwards would be eliminated.
This, the bank said, would be accomplished in the main, through voluntary early retirements, although some executives might be compelled to leave. The top 25 officers at Leumi are on personal contracts and have no union protection.
Meanwhile, the Knesset Finance Committee agreed that its chairman, Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael) would query the banks over the next 30 days, about salaries, using the right retained by the government when it helped bail out the banks after the shares crisis to get a full accounting of the banks' expenses.
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Dung Gate - crowds pour in, business as usual

By AVRAHAM RABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter
There were more Israeli casualties in Wednesday night's grenade attack outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem than in the battle inside the walls during the Six Day War. But only 12 hours after the attack, which left one dead and 70 injured, there was little to indicate that anything untoward had happened.
Few in the crowds pouring through the Dung Gate glanced at the Border Police jeep and the small knot of photographers gathered around the pavement 200 metres down the slope, still stained with blood despite a hosing down.
Life was going on normally after the major terrorist incident on the approaches to the Western Wall and just 100 metres from the Temple Mount. Far lesser events in the past had been followed by curfews and mob attacks.
The Arab shops directly opposite Dung Gate had shut, but Arab *baizele* pushcart vendors were doing a thriving business in the gateway. Four Arab youths in their late teens - the kind normally rounded up for questioning after a terrorist incident - were casually looking at the site and discussing the incident as Jewish worshippers walked past them.
An Arab taxi driver parking opposite the gate looked surprised when asked whether he did not fear harassment following the incident. "What incident?" he asked. He had not heard the radio, he said, and he normally parked at the taxi stand on Saladin Street. "These crazy people come from outside and do something and then people say 'All Arabs are no good. You and I, habibi, want to live in peace. They should let us.'"
Border Police were still searching for evidence in the rubble-filled lot from which the grenades had been thrown. A low wall had apparently given the assailants cover. It would have been easy for the assailants to disappear in the darkness among the olive trees and single-storey houses on the slope above the Kidron Valley.
A middle-aged Israeli passing the blast scene grasped a stranger's wrist. "We had it coming to us. Nu, ask me why. Because we're too easy with them. Give them a finger and they take an arm."
No morbid thoughts intruded on the festivities at the wall. It was a Thursday, one of the two weekdays when bar-mitzvas are celebrated, and women ululated and threw candy as 13-year-olds were inducted into Jewish manhood - just a few metres from where the Givati recruits had undergone their rite of passage the night before at their swearing-in ceremony.
Outside Dung Gate, a Moroccan family which had completed its bar-mitzva celebration was picnicking on the grass as a video-camera recorded the event. Young Arab schoolgirls in grey uniform dresses nonchalantly filed past with schoolbags on their backs.
The unchecked pace of life so soon after the grenade explosions did not seem an expression of callousness or indifference, but rather a measure of self-confidence and the ability to distinguish between the passing and the permanent. In their own way, both the Jews and the Arabs going about their business yesterday at the most sensitive crossroad shared by their religions were making a statement about the unification of the city that was louder than grenade blasts.

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THE WEATHER

Outlook for Shabbat: Clear	Yesterday's	Today's	Max
Jerusalem	53	15-26	27
Golan	33	16-25	26
Nahariya	49	23-34	35
Safed	48	18-26	27
Haifa Port	69	—	27
Tiberias	54	18-30	31
Nazareth	62	19-29	29
Afula	63	20-30	30
Stomron	50	17-28	29
Tel Aviv	70	20-27	27
B-G Airport	64	19-28	29
Jericho	43	19-23	24
Gaza	73	20-27	27
Beersheba	48	16-29	30
Eilat	33	22-34	34

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat and Mrs. Lahat visited the Wizo Parents Home in Tel Aviv yesterday and were received by the president of Wizo, Mrs. Raya Jaglom, and the chairwoman of the executive, Mrs. Michal Moda'i.

Max Zimmer, the 95-year-old head of a U.S. contracting firm who actively supports Ben-Gurion University, Shalom Zedek and Sheba Hospitals, and was the first recipient of the Israel Medal of Freedom, was received at Beit Hanesani by President Herzog.

Princess Juliana of the Netherlands and Prince Bernard were the dinner guests yesterday evening of President and Mrs. Herzog.

ARRIVALS

The Yeshiva of Beit El welcomes the leaders of the American Friends of the Beit El Yeshiva Center: Mr. David Hollander, president, and Mrs. Hollander; Mr. Eugene Gluck, chairman of the board, and Mrs. Gluck; and Mr. Martin Segal, treasurer, and Mrs. Segal.

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target of the attack. "It is blatantly clear to us," they said, "that this attack was not a random terror attack, but one aimed directly and specifically at the troops." The source reiterated what had been said to *The Post* on Wednesday night that this "was a classic guerrilla attack and not a terrorist action."

It is clear that the attackers were equipped with "a complete intelligence picture" pertaining not only to the movements of the targets but also regarding the most efficient getaway routes.

Military sources last night expressed concern at the "boldness" of the attack and said that it could signal a new level of terrorist operations in the country.

"It is clear that what we are speaking about is vastly different from the stabbings we have witnessed in recent weeks. This was not an

HOME NEWS

Convert's case raises questions

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Can the state register different categories of Jews? Should Christians and Moslems be identified as such on their identity cards? And, perhaps strangest of all, are the Habad Hassidim collaborating with the Reform Movement?

These were just some of the questions that arose yesterday during rather heated proceedings before the High Court of Justice, dealing with the request of Shoshana Miller, a Reform convert to Judaism, to be registered as a Jew by the Interior Ministry.

As a result of Miller's petition, the Interior Ministry decided that converts to Judaism of whatever branch — Orthodox, Conservative or Reform — would be registered as "Jew (convert)" on their identity card.

The move drew bitter criticism not only from the Reform Movement, which is backing Miller, but from a wide spectrum of Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox rabbis. The latter objected to the "stigmatization" of converts, and to the apparent lumping together of Orthodox and non-Orthodox converts.

Among the most bitter critics were the Habad Hassidim. At one point, yesterday, one of the Habad spectators, Rabbi Samuel Hefter, chairman of the Committee for the Integrity of the Jewish People, leaned forward to pass a note to Rabbi Richard Hirsch, executive director of the World Movement for Progressive Judaism. The note, intended for attorney Arnold Spier, who represented Miller, pointed out that the chief rabbis had condemned the Interior Ministry plan.

Hefter later told *The Jerusalem Post* that both he and Hirsch agreed that there could not be various categories of Jews. "Of course we disagree about who is a Jew," he added.

State Attorney Renato Yarak found it very rough going representing the Interior Ministry, and faced a steady barrage of unsympathetic questions from Justices Meir Shamgar, Miriam Ben-Porat and Menachem Elon. Shamgar suggested a scenario in which not only converts, but their descendants, or perhaps Sephardim and Ashkenazim, should be registered as such in their identity cards.

Elon, himself an observant Jew, noted with irony Yarak's claim that an "intolerable" situation prevails. It was strange, Elon noted, that he himself had never noticed the "intolerable" situation during the past 39 years. Elon also expressed his own doubts as to whether the Interior Ministry procedure would be in accord with *halacha* (Religious Law).

The ruling is to be given at a later date.

Knesset panel seeks 'the truth' in affair

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset Law Committee may join the search for the "missing documents" in the Shin Bet (General Security Service) police probe.

Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui), a member of the committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that it "is inconceivable for those under investigation to decide which documents the police are permitted to see and which not."

The Law Committee has already decided to discuss other aspects of the Shin Bet affair, including the recent transfer of the two pardoned

attorneys to other posts within the service. Committee Chairman Eli Kulas (Likud) is reportedly inclined to add the "missing documents" to the committee's agenda.

The *Post* has learned that among the documents and notes handed over to investigators probing the slaying of the captured bus hijackers in 1984 and the subsequent cover-up of the affair were protocols of cabinet meetings.

Perez's office has stated that "all relevant documents" (Post emphasis) had been handed over to police investigators. Police Inspector-General David Kraus, however, has repeatedly refused to confirm that the police received all the material it had requested.

Pupils, parents donate blood

HOD HASHARON. — Parents and pupils of the Memlachi Aleph school and of the Mossinohi high school here yesterday donated 130 pints of blood on behalf of a pupil.

Twelfth-grader Keren Meyrovitch is hospitalized at Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem, awaiting a marrow transplant. The marrow is to come from her sister, Marit, 11, who will join her at the hospital in a few days. The operation will require 400 pints of blood.

In view of the difficulty involved in mobilizing this amount of blood,

principal David Agmon and the teaching staff of the Memlachi Aleph school decided to come to the aid of the family. A circular was issued to school parents asking them to donate blood at a mobile unit of the blood bank set up in the schoolyard. Numerous parents answered the call and were joined by dozens of high-school pupils as soon as they learned of the endeavour.

"We would like to hope that this humanitarian effort will ensure the patient a complete recovery," Agmon said yesterday.

POLICE

amateurish attack to prove a point," the source continued, "but was indicative of a new level of institutionalized terrorism that may be the harbinger of a renewed effort by the terrorist organizations to hit at Israel."

A massive police search was launched after the attack, which took place at 8:20 p.m. Twenty suspects are still in custody.

The police believe that the terrorists, whose number is still unclear,

Nurses won't strike again before Tuesday

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The hospital nurses will not take further strike action before next Tuesday, nurses' leaders decided last night after four hours of talks.

The nurses made a new proposal

for cutting their workweek during the talks. Treasury wage chief Hillel Dudai said he would give the Treasury's response on Tuesday after the ministry examines the proposal.

Basketball

Hapoel Tel Aviv 86, Betar Tel Aviv 73; Maccabi Tel Aviv 80, Maccabi Haifa 76; Hapoel Holon 93, Hapoel Jerusalem 75; Elitzur Netanya 107, Hapoel Eilat-Givat 94; Galil Elyon 108, Hapoel Ramat Gan 94; Maccabi Ramat Gan 91, Hapoel Haifa 80.

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tlement efforts. Meron Benvenisti, whose West Bank Data Base Project keeps close tabs on settlement activity, told *The Post* this week that the map includes virtually all of the sites needed to complete a plan written by Drobles in 1983 for Jewish settlement in the territories by 2010.

The plan laid out on the map calls for establishing 21 settlements which were approved by the previous Likud government but which have not yet been populated. Under the policy guidelines of the unity coalition, these settlements are to be set up during the unity government's term, "the timing to be determined by the national unity cabinet."

The map cites "expansion of infrastructure" at nine of these locations — indicating that construction work had already taken place there. According to government sources, access roads to the sites had been built before the 1984 elections, and in some cases earthworks had

'My father was killed'

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

At 18½, he looked so young and vulnerable as he lay in the emergency ward at Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus. He was one of the soldiers injured in Wednesday night's terrorist assault in Jerusalem. Also struck down were his father, mother and sister who had come from their home in Holon to witness his swearing-in ceremony in the Givati Brigade.

They were placed in the same ambulance which sped through the eerily empty road to the hospital. The soldier, Omer Porat, helped to dress his sister's wound and for the rest of the short ride gripped his father's hand, urging him to be strong, to survive.

Dov Porat was bleeding profusely and he had difficulty breathing. He blacked out just as the ambulance turned into the hospital drive. Doctors pronounced him dead on arrival, but tried nevertheless to restore the spark of life which had been extinguished.

When cameramen and reporters were finally allowed into the ward after having been held back by police for two tense hours, Omer's was one of the first beds they encountered. The curtains were drawn back and

the blond, bronzed, clear-eyed young man was immediate prey for news-hungry media.

Speaking almost mechanically, Omer went over his story for reporters at least four or five times. Before that he had presumably spoken separately to army, police and hospital personnel. But he stoically went through the motions again. "We were standing...and suddenly we heard an explosion. Then there was shooting...Then some of our soldiers shot back...Then there was another explosion and everyone was shouting. My father was killed."

The last sentence came out so casually, without any change in inflection, that some of us were not sure that we heard correctly. "Your father was killed?" we asked incredulously. Confirming this, he continued with his recollection of the events.

Dov Porat's funeral in Holon was delayed until late afternoon to allow time for Omer, his daughter Liat and his wife Naomi to be brought from their hospital beds in Jerusalem. Dov grew up in Holon and was an employee of Sotol Boneh who had supervised building projects all over the country.

Mosaic find at Meroth

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first ancient *beit midrash* (study hall) ever found in Israel has been uncovered in Meroth in Upper Galilee.

Dating from the seventh century C.E., the structure with intact walls up to two metres high and a mosaic floor was uncovered by Dr. Zvi Ilan and Emanuel Damati. They have just concluded their fifth season of excavations at the site.

The absence of archeological evidence hitherto of the existence of separate facilities for study had led some scholars to conclude that study was carried out in private homes or synagogues.

The Meroth *beit midrash*, measuring more than six by seven metres, was found alongside the community's impressive synagogue. The buildings were in continuous use until the 12th century when Meroth was suddenly abandoned for reasons still unknown. The site had been unknown until identified by Ilan on the basis of written sources.

The mosaic floor bears the inscription of a verse from Isaiah, "Ze'ev v'leah yir'u k'had" — "wolf and lamb will graze together" — and depictions of the animals. The mosaic was transferred this week to the Israel Museum where it will be put on display.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Two convicted for slaying soldier

NABLUS (Itim). — Two of the defendants on trial for the slaying of David Manor — the soldier kidnapped and found dead two years ago — were convicted of murder yesterday in the military court here. Sentence is to be passed next Thursday.

The two are Tawfik Ibrahim Abdallah, 29, and Mustafa Mahmoud Darash, 29.

The three women defendants in the affair are to be tried shortly.

Taba talks set for Geneva on Dec. 1

GENEVA (AP). — Meetings of the arbitration panel to settle the Egypt-Israel territorial dispute over Taba have been tentatively set to start here December 1, Israeli's ambassador said yesterday.

Pinhas Eliav said the five-man panel will discuss financial and other technical matters in its first session, which is to last up to 10 days.

Grenade mishap sets off panic in Hebron

The apparently accidental explosion of a gas grenade in Hebron's Casbah yesterday caused no injuries but set off a panic among Arab shoppers, said security sources.

The incident occurred as a soldier was walking through the Casbah and dropped the grenade unintentionally.

Three West Bankers detained

Three more West Bank residents were detained yesterday for six-month terms in the continuing wave of administrative detentions in the territories.

Some two dozen Palestinians have been detained recently on suspicion of activities in PLO or other terror organizations. The most recent detainees, all suspected PLO Fatah activists, are Samiah-Daleb Shoukri-fanan, 32, of the Nablus area, Ahmad Tayed Salman Jirdat, 31, of Al-Yom village near Jenin, and Ahmad Abdel Ismail Jindib, 43, of Hebron.

Gaddafi weighs new terror effort

By DAVID HOROVITZ, Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi is considering sponsoring a new campaign of terror in France, according to intelligence sources here.

Gaddafi is reportedly worried that France and the U.S. are planning to force his army out of northern Chad, which he hopes to forestall by setting off a new series of terrorist attacks.

6,000 U.S. sailors visit

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Five ships of the American Sixth Fleet, including the fleet commander's flagship, were in port yesterday, with over 6,000 sailors and aviators taking shore leave.

In the evening, the new USO (United Service Organization) centre at the Panorama Towers on Mt. Carmel was opened.

Attending the ceremony were Fleet Commander Vice Admiral Kendal Moranville, Rear Admiral William Sharp, Commander of the USS Kennedy, senior Israeli naval officers and civic officials.

Man fined NIS 75 for biting his wife

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — A man from Ofakim was fined NIS 75 by the magistrate's court here yesterday for biting his wife on the shoulder during a public spat. The judge warned him that if he did it again, it would cost him NIS 500. The couple said that in the meantime they had made up.

SETTLEMENT

The 41 proposed settlements are located in the following areas:

- Northern Jordan Rift: 3.
- Southern Jordan Rift, near Jericho: 3.
- Northwest Samaria: 3.
- Western Samaria, near the Greater Tel Aviv area: 12.
- Central Samaria: 3 between Jericho and Nablus, and 2 northwest of Ramallah.
- Surrounding Jerusalem: 5.
- Central Hebron Rift: 3.
- South Hebron Rift: 4.
- Gaza Strip: 2.

Since the unity government was established, it has set up four new settlements in the West Bank — Masiot and Beit Ha'arava in the Jordan Rift, Midgallim in Samaria, and Neot Adamim in the Judean Desert. A fifth settlement, Hidar Betar south of Jerusalem, was set up by Gush Emunim on a site approved by the coalition partners.

Benvenisti said that 80 per cent of the West Bank settlements called for in Drobles' plan for 2010 were already populated today. The new settlements shown in the map would make up the remaining 20 per cent, he said.

Medics say: 'It could have been much worse'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Doctors at the four Jerusalem hospitals treating the wounded from the Dung Gate terrorist attack said yesterday it was fortunate that the grenades exploded on the ground; if not, they would have caused much more serious injuries to the chest and head and possibly more deaths.

Most of the 34 wounded who remained hospitalized yesterday were hurt by shrapnel in the legs and the stomach. One young woman was hurt in the eye, but surgeons managed to save her sight.

In all, one man was killed in the attack on Wednesday, and 70 were wounded.

Of those in hospital yesterday, one remained in serious condition (at Hadassah, Ein Karem) and seven

had medium injuries. All the rest had light wounds.

The wounded were visited yesterday by President Herzog, Prime Minister Peres, Foreign Minister Shamir, and Deputy Health Minister (and soon to be health minister) Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino.

Health Minister Gur is to meet today with Magen David Adom officials and hospital administrators to evaluate the evacuation of the wounded.

The Jerusalem City Council last night observed a moment of silence in memory of the man killed in the attack. "I pray each night that things will be quiet," said Mayor Kollek. "But it is impossible to promise that it won't happen again, just as it is impossible in Paris, Brussels or Istanbul."

Cairo scolds PLO on attack

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry yesterday reprimanded the head of the PLO office in Cairo for "using the Egyptian media" to broadcast the PLO's claim that its agents had carried out the attack outside the Old City's Dung Gate.

Egyptian Ambassador to Israel Mohammed Bassiouny informed the Prime Minister's Office of this yesterday afternoon.

Bassiouny's message followed yesterday morning's protest by the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem against the announcement Wednesday night by the PLO office in Cairo of the PLO's responsibility for the attack.

But the semi-official "al-Gomhuriya" newspaper in its early Friday edition justified the grenade attack, saying it brought the forgotten Palestinian problem to world attention.

"This escalation, although it gives the Israeli troops a reason to assault and arrest a large number of Arab inhabitants, once again brings back to our minds that there is a homeless people, dreaming of peace and stability on its land," the editorial said.

Three other Palestinian groups besides the PLO claimed responsibility for the attack: the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine; in a statement made in Damascus; the Abu Nidal group, in a call made to a news agency in Paris; and the "Islamic Front for the Liberation of Palestine," in an announcement in Amman.

PLO and Fatah leader Khalil Wazir (Abu Jihad) said yesterday in Baghdad that "PLO military operations against Israeli military targets will continue and escalate despite Israeli threats and retaliatory measures."

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Israel spared U.S. budget cut

WASHINGTON (AP). — House representatives and Senate negotiators have approved a last-minute compromise trimming the U.S. foreign aid program to \$13.37 billion but sparing Israel, Egypt and Cyprus from budget cuts. The House voted 235-172 Wednesday night to approve the compromise.

Also receiving special consideration under the bill, although less than originally proposed, were the Philippines, Pakistan, Turkey, Greece and Northern Ireland.

The negotiators agreed to include the foreign aid package in the record \$560 billion spending plan for the fiscal year starting last October 1.

The spending plan is one of the last major items holding up adjournment of Congress. The Senate was expected to discuss the measure yesterday.

The foreign aid package is \$1.15b. less than the amount of the past fiscal year and \$2.1b. less than President Reagan requested.

But James Miller, Reagan's budget director, told reporters the administration found the compromise acceptable but the president had yet to decide whether to veto or sign the full bill if Congress approves it.

Israel would receive \$3b. in military and economic grants under the bill, and Egypt \$2.3b. Egypt enjoys much of the strong aid support in Congress that Israel receives because it is the only Arab country to have made peace with the Jewish state.

Cyprus, which would receive \$15m. in economic aid has strong lobbying support from the Greek-American community, which urges

American pressure to reunite the island divided since Turkey invaded the northern part in 1974.

The Reagan administration is to decide how much aid to give countries left unspecified in the bill, with the overall amount reduced because of budget constraints. Each country can expect to receive less than the administration proposed earlier this year.

Under the agreement the Philippines would receive \$200m. in supplemental economic aid. The bill would thus appropriate the amount authorized earlier in response to a stirring speech given to Congress last month by Philippine President Corason Aquino.

The aid would be in addition to the regular economic and military aid for the Philippines, \$240m. last year.

African gets literature prize

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — Nigerian playwright Wole Soyinka, who was awarded the Nobel Literature Prize yesterday, said he was glad that African culture was at last being recognized by European society.

Speaking from his cousin's flat in Paris, a delighted Soyinka told the Swedish news agency TT that the \$290,000 award would mean a lot for the standing of African literature.

"This prize is recognition of our culture and our traditions in Africa and I am very glad about it. African culture has not always been understood by other cultures, for instance in Europe," he told the agency.

Soyinka arrived in Paris yesterday. He works there with Unesco (UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) as chairman of its International Theatre Organization.

Soyinka became the first black Nobel Literature prizewinner and the first African to gain the world's most prestigious literary award in its 85-year history.

The Swedish Academy, under pressure to pick a Third World author, said Soyinka was given the prize because he "in a wide cultural perspective and with poetic overtones fashions the drama of existence."



Wole Soyinka

Soyinka, 52, a Yoruba from the north, was jailed for two years during Nigeria's 1967-1970 civil war after returning from an abortive attempt to mediate between the Biafra secessionists and the federal government.

The academy said Soyinka was in his prime as an author and paid tribute to his richly varied literary production. It said his writings were "vivid, often harrowing, but also marked by an evocative, poetically intensified vision."

"Linguistically, too, Soyinka stands out as excellent. He possesses

a prolific store of words and expressions which he exploits to the full in witty dialogue, in satire and grotesquery, in quiet poetry and essays of sparkling vitality."

A radical opposed to all forms of military rule even before his arrest, Soyinka emerged from prison "obsessed with the theme of the 'oppressive boot' and used his biting satire to denounce corruption in Nigeria and human rights abuses throughout Africa."

"Whatever I believed in before I was locked up, I came out a fanatic in those things," he said when he was released in 1969. He went into voluntary exile from 1972 to 1976.

In his tormented account of his imprisonment and the Nigerian civil war, *The Man Died*, he spells out his political credo: "The man dies in all who keep silent in the face of tyranny."

As a writer, Soyinka often appears deliberately to court the obscure. His over-indulgence in elaborate word-play and love of scatological detail earned his first novel *The Interpreters* (1965) comparisons with James Joyce's *Ulysses*.

But critics say it is Soyinka's tragic visions of his homeland which take him to the extreme frontiers of language.

Economics prize to U.S. academic

STOCKHOLM. — The 1986 Nobel Prize for Economics was awarded to U.S. academic James McGill Buchanan for his "Synthesis of the theories of political and economic decision-making," the Royal Swedish Academy of Science announced yesterday.

In its citation, the academy said the \$290,000 award to Buchanan of George Mason University, in Virginia, was made for his development of the contractual and constitutional basis for the theory of economic and political decision-making.

The academy said that "traditional economic theory explains in great detail how consumers and entrepreneurs make economic decisions. Buchanan's contribution is that he has transferred the concept of gain derived from mutual exchange between individuals to the realm of

political decision-making," the academy said in its statement.

"The political process thus becomes a means of cooperation aimed at achieving reciprocal advantages, but the result of this process depends on 'rules of the game,' i.e., the constitution in a broad sense," it said.

Buchanan theorized that "once constitutional rules are in place, the outcome of concrete issues is often decided by the 'internal dynamics of the political system.' Thus the design of constitutional rules and the possibility of constitutional reforms take on great importance," the statement said.

The 67-year-old Buchanan studied at Middle Tennessee State College, the University of Tennessee and the University of Chicago, where he took a doctorate. He



James McGill Buchanan

taught at the University of Virginia, briefly at UCLA and later co-founded the Centre for Study of Public Choice at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He is a leader of the "Public Choice" school of economic thought.

In 1982, the centre was moved to George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. (APF, Reuters)

Elizabeth sees the terracottas

XIAN, China (APF). — Queen Elizabeth II visited the tomb of the first emperor of all China here yesterday, walking among life-size terracotta warriors who have guarded the approach for more than 2,000 years.

Some 12,000 policemen, 7,000 in uniform and 5,000 in plain clothes, were mobilized to control the hundreds of thousands of people who lined the roads in the ancient West China capital and along the 50-kilometre route to and from the tomb during the royal party's three-hour stopover, officials said.

The drive from Xian airport to the terracotta warriors gave her a look at another side of this nation of 1 billion.

The motorcade passed through the colourless city, where the Mao suit is still the main attire, past thousands of ramshackle brick homes and into the dusty, flat countryside, where peasants scraped at vegetable patches and piled great heaps of wheat stalks for winter fuel, cows and pigs ambled through villages and corn dried on rooftops.

At the excavation site of the terracotta warriors, the queen and her husband, Prince Philip, listened attentively as a young woman, speaking through an interpreter, explained the statues and the history of Chin Shih Huang, the first emperor to unify China, who died in 209 CE.

More than 6,000 of the statues, each of which has distinct facial features, have been uncovered since the underground formation was first discovered by peasants digging a well in 1974.

Prince Philip seemed particularly interested in the terracotta warriors, walking several paces into the excavation to examine them more closely.

The queen and Prince Philip also visited a small museum near the



Queen Elizabeth reviews an honour guard of 2,000-year-old terracotta warriors as she tours the tomb of China's first emperor in Xian yesterday. (Reuters telephoto)

excavation where a bronze chariot and bronze horses unearthed at another site nearby were displayed.

Several British students studying Chinese at Xian's Northwest Normal University were presented to the queen, who chatted privately with them for several minutes.

Roads on the queen's route were cleared of all traffic except for public buses, which stopped at the roadside as passengers pressed against the windows to get a glimpse at the

motorcade.

At the multi-tiered 600 year old belltower in the centre of Xian, a large red banner in English welcomed the queen and Prince Philip, while children waved miniature Chinese and British flags.

The royal party returned to the airport and flew by private jet to Kunming, capital of tropical Yunnan province, late yesterday afternoon. She was greeted at Kunming airport by 1,500 people dressed in the costumes of 24 nationalities.

Socialists form panel to combat terrorism

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — The council of the Socialist International, convening here this week, has established a new commission — the Mediterranean Commission — which is to direct an international struggle against terrorism.

Israel Gat, chairman of the Labour Party's international department, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

He said this move reflects the shift of positions in a few Mediterranean countries as to the urgency of fighting terrorism.

The initiative to create the commission has come from the Italian Socialist Party of Prime Minister Bettino Craxi. It seems there was a major shift of positions on the active struggle against terrorism after the Achille Lauro hijacking and after the terrorist attack at Rome airport last December.

"Among other parties, the Greek Socialist Party Pasok has promised to join the commission even though it is not even a member of the Socialist International. This, too, means a change of attitude, as is the case with the ruling Maltese Socialist Party which became well-known for its good relations with Libya and with the Cypriot Socialist Party Edeok.

The commission is to try to co-operate also with non-Socialist bodies, including the ruling parties of Morocco, Tunisia and possibly Algeria. Its aim is to co-ordinate

efforts against international terrorism and its sponsors and to influence government action in the Mediterranean area in fighting terrorism. The commission is likely to strive for an international treaty against terrorism and against the support for terrorism. The commission is likely to be headed by the Italian Margherita Boniver.

The International also decided to revive its Middle East Commission, dormant for two years. The commission is to be headed by West German politician Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, a leading Arab affairs expert, who is to replace Portuguese Socialist leader President Mario Soares.

The Middle East commission is to demand from the Soviet Union the establishment of links with Israel as a pre-condition for an international Middle East conference. It also wants closer links with the ruling Egyptian National Democratic Party — a move which the Israeli Labour Party supports.

Wischnewski himself is to tour the Middle East soon. He announced that the Socialist International will reduce its links with the PLO if that organization does not stop its terrorist activity.

GORBACHEV — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is to start an official visit to India on November 25, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Moscow yesterday.

Mossad wanted me, says Hindawi

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies

LONDON. — A Jordanian accused of plotting to blow up an El Al jet by planting explosives in luggage carried by his girlfriend said yesterday British police who arrested him threatened to turn him over to Israeli intelligence agents.

Nezar Hindawi, 34, also repeated his claim that he believed there were drugs, not explosives, in the hand luggage he gave his pregnant Irish girlfriend Anne-Marie Murphy before she boarded the flight at Heathrow Airport on April 17.

"There is no danger smuggling drugs," Hindawi said under cross-examination at Old Bailey criminal court. "If she was caught, I would go straight to the police and say she had nothing to do with it. She loved me. I loved her."

Hindawi surrendered to police the day after an El Al security guard found plastic explosives and a detonator concealed in Murphy's hand luggage. It was timed to blow up the Tel Aviv-bound plane with 375 people, including Murphy, at 18,000 metres over Austria.

Significant contradictions between Murphy's testimony and that of Hindawi emerged as the prosecution began its cross-examination.

Hindawi was asked by prosecutor Roy Amlot whether he had intended to get married to Murphy in Israel.

"No, I told her the East Bank, many times," said Hindawi.

"So you're saying she got it wrong?" asked Amlot.

"Maybe," Hindawi replied. "I'm not allowed to go to Israel."

In fact, Amlot continued, "you were already married (to a Polish woman named Barbara)."

"Yes."

"But you told Ann you were divorced, didn't you?"

"No, I told her I was separated, waiting for a divorce... I was free to marry her — it's not against my religion."

Hindawi, claiming he was deprived of sleep, said a detective told him that "Mossad — the Israeli intelligence service — had been asking for me officially and also the Israeli government had asked officially for me to be taken there."

"He was threatening and I was very frightened," Hindawi said. "The conversation seemed to last years, not hours. I was scared and weak."

Testifying in his own defence for the second day, Hindawi said the officer told him he believed that Mossad "have lots of methods of punishment — killing and so on. They can get any information they want from the men they question."

When asked why El Al was chosen to smuggle drugs despite the airline's reputation for heavy security, Hindawi said he had not thought of that.

Missile hits Iraqi capital

BAGHDAD (AP). — A long-range missile fired by Iran struck a residential neighbourhood of the Iraqi capital yesterday, and fleeing residents said they feared a number of people had been killed or wounded.

There was no immediate comment from the Iraqi government on the attack, the third by Iran against Baghdad since August 12.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicaragua, said the surface-to-surface missile was aimed at the Baghdad telecommunications centre.

The missile's powerful explosion set houses and cars ablaze, and scores of ambulances and fire engines rushed to the scene. Later, bulldozers and trucks joined in the rescue operation.

The blast occurred at 8:50 p.m. when scores of people were on the streets for the Moslem weekend holiday. Friday is the Moslem Sabbath.

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A barn swallow in flight. Tens of thousands are presently resting near Moshav Bereket.

Swallows' reedy home

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tens of thousands of swallows passing through Israel on their migration south are spending nights at an artificial swamp near Moshav Bereket in the Sharon region.

The Society for the Protection of Nature has set up a bird-watching station in the area and is making sure that the swamp's reeds remain moist to provide food for the fork-tailed birds.

The birds were first attracted to the site near Bereket when Solel Boneh began operating a quarry in 1981. The waters that were released as waste products formed a swamp, and reeds quickly grew there. It soon became the largest concentration of reeds in the area.

The birds, of the *Hirundo rustica* and *Riparia* species, were attracted by the reeds and for the last five years have spent September and October at the site.

Solel Boneh transferred its rock-grinding facility to another site, and the waste water ceased flowing, but the nature society makes sure that the reeds keep growing so that the swallows keep coming. Some of the reeds were damaged in a fire set in May by careless passers-by.

The moshav residents report that the birds make a great deal of noise at night, as large predator birds dive down in the dark and hunt the swallows.

By next month, all the swallows are expected to be on their way to Africa for the winter.

University failed money test

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Failure by Hebrew University finance chiefs to quickly recognize the dangers posed by the government's austerity policy were partly to blame for the institution's cash crisis, the chairman of the university's board of governors has admitted.

In a memorandum sent to the board, chairman Harvey Krueger said the sudden change in the economic climate had a dramatic impact.

Until July 1985 the university had absorbed some of the impact of rampant inflation, and the effects of sharp cuts in government support, by taking advantage of the ever-falling value of the shekel, he said.

By paying its bills in local currency, while receiving a considerable income in dollars, the university developed "a major hedge against falling government support," he said. Krueger, 56, is a U.S. financier.

But this came to an abrupt end with the national unity coalition instituted a tough new policy and froze the value of the shekel, wrote Krueger.

"This eliminated an important device for protecting the university's financial situation. The results were quick to come and dramatic, though the university was slow to discover their true extent."

The first indication of how serious the situation had become was received at the beginning of September.

Then it was learned that spending had exceeded income by about \$20 million in the first nine months of the fiscal year, and that by the end of September the accumulated deficit would reach its present level of around \$55m.

As a result the university's president then, Prof. Dan Patinkin, resigned and was replaced by Prof. Amnon Pazy, who heads an emergency committee armed with "sweeping powers" to pull the university out of its financial nose-dive.

The university is now operating under a cut-to-the-bone budget, said Krueger. Spending had to be reduced by at least \$10m. this year.

To achieve this the wages and expenses of academic and administrative staff would be chopped by 10 per cent — "a severe sacrifice."

Another \$2m. would be saved by reducing purchases of vital equipment, including computers "which deeply impacts all areas of study and research."

Even with such painful measures, wrote Krueger, the austerity budget — reckoned at around \$112m. — would still leave an operating deficit of some \$3m., and was itself based on an estimated increase of \$4m. in donations from the university's world-wide network of supporters.

In the document, the chairman appealed to the governors to launch a campaign to save the university.

He told them that an additional \$7m. must be raised over and above the normal level of support if a budget deficit is to be avoided this year.

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Wiesenthal centre listing 2,000 war criminals

By TOM TUGEND

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LOS ANGELES. — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre is readying world-wide lists of some 2,000 alleged Nazi war criminals who settled in Britain, Australia, Canada and Sweden, and will shortly turn the names over to the authorities in those countries.

According to Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the centre, 50 names have already been given to Australian officials, to be supplemented by another 150. The Canadian list is ready, and the names of British residents will be delivered within a month, he said.

The suspects come primarily from Central and East European countries. In many cases, says Cooper, the data include precise information on where and when the suspects left Europe, descriptions of their alleged crimes and current addresses.

The effort is being coordinated by Ephraim Zuroff, the centre's representative in Israel.

"For 40 years, various international agencies have refused hunters access to their material, but we have now found an unofficial but legal way to get at the data," Cooper said.

The persons on his lists appear to have committed very serious crimes,

according to Cooper, and do not duplicate the names of those identified as war criminals by the UN. "We have investigators all over, who are double- and triple-checking the evidence and interviewing witnesses," he said.

The lists are divided into three categories. The names in the first consist of suspects about whom the Wiesenthal Centre feels it has exact data covering their departures from Europe and present whereabouts. The information is less complete and clear in the second category of names. Individuals in the third category would now be in their late 80s or older, and are likely deceased.

HEART. — The Heart to Heart association has begun a week of activities and door-to-door fund-raising to promote awareness of how to avoid heart disease.



A giant soap bubble covers this patient in the children's ward at Hadassah Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, during the Succot party organized by the Hadassah Women's Organization of Israel. The children were entertained by circus artists, magicians and other performers who volunteered their services.

Arab local council heads threaten end to services

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Leaders of Israel's Arab local councils are threatening to shut down municipal services in a renewed row over financing.

They maintain that they have not received one agora of the NIS 14 million promised by the government as part of proposed restructuring of the councils' budgets.

The proposal, put forward by Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz to resolve a strike by all the 46 Arab local councils earlier this year, was approved by the Knesset Finance committee in August.

It was agreed to restructure the budgets of the councils to eventually bring them in line with allocations given to Jewish local authorities.

Assad Azaizeh, a member of the National Committee of Arab Local Councils secretariat, and the chairman of the Dabbouriyeh council,

blamed the Treasury for not implementing the agreement.

"The Finance Ministry won't release the funds, and there is no indication of when the money will be forthcoming," said Azaizeh.

The promised NIS 14 m. is in addition to the regular budget for the 1986-87 fiscal year, which the councils have already received. Azaizeh said the supplementary funding was needed for development projects including the construction of roads, schools, public buildings and sewage systems.

The councils, he said, already have debts totalling over NIS 15 m. "Some councils don't have enough money to pay their workers, or contractors who provide services like garbage collection. Rubbish is piling up in the streets in some villages and there have been strikes by employees over non-payment of their wages," he said.

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Rotated out of a job he loved, Kimche denies bitterness

"I loved working here, I loved the subjects I dealt with," says David Kimche, winding up his six years of service as director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

He is not particularly happy at the manner of his retirement by his political bosses but, as always, is reserved and understated in criticism: "Bitterness? I'm a realist. I knew I would be leaving, and I take it in good stride. I am thankful for the six wonderful years. But I had hoped that I would receive slightly longer advance notice."

He is unclear what he will be doing in the coming years but is firm about having "no intention to sit at home to tend my garden," though he concedes that retired English civil servants often do just that. The coming months will be devoted to "looking around and seeing what's what," he says. For "personal reasons" he has rejected a senior ambassadorship.

He does not deny reports that he is considering taking up a position in the financial world but also does not completely discount the possibility of returning to state service within a year or so.

He suggests that he will do some "political writing. No, not a memoir," he says with a thin smile.

He is worried by the "politicization" of the ministry, about which he warned last Tuesday when taking leave of the ministry staff, and he laments the lack of ministry input into major policy-making. The ministry's say in the formation of major decisions should be much greater, he says, and the defence establishment's proportionately smaller. He assails "the atmosphere of arrogance in the defence establishment vis-a-vis the foreign service."

He is worried that the ministry may become "too heavy" with Peres's aides and helpers, who may substantially undercut the service's own senior professionals and in effect usurp their functions. He implies that Israel's foreign relations will not gain from the *de facto* ouster of the professionals by Peres's aides.

We turn to some general policy problems. Referring to southern Lebanon, Kimche says that the Shi'ite Amal militia has become a "broken reed," having lost much of its power and cadres in the south to the Hizbullah. He does not deny that Israeli policy might have contributed to Amal's decline but asserts that, for the present and the future, the decline seems to foreclose the "Shi'ite option", meaning a basic change of strategy from support for and reliance upon the South Lebanese Army and the Christian minority in the South to alliance with and support for the mainstream Shi'ites and Unifil.

Kimche revealed that for years before 1982 Israel had persistently tried to establish ties with Amal and with the Druze of the Shouf mountains and offered these groups assistance (while nurturing the links with the Christian Phalange). "Israelis met Amal leaders in many places," he says.

"But then, as today, the Shi'ites were splintered and it was difficult to get to grips with them as a whole. One talked with this or that leader or group, but it didn't mean that the rest would come in," he recalls. "So the view that Israel only tried to establish or cared about ties with the Christians is inaccurate."

Kimche adds that Israel also tried to forge ties with Amal after 1982.

IN PERSON

BENNY MORRIS

"but again failed because of internal Shi'ite power struggles." Kimche is not comprehensively critical of the start of the Lebanon War in 1982. "Many people have forgotten the security situation before the invasion," he says. "with the northern border under constant threat of Katyusha attack and depopulation as a result. No government could have allowed that. Something had to be done. But what happened wasn't necessarily 'that something.' He believes the war should have been more, or much more 'limited'."

We turn to Africa. I suggest that with the general decline of oil prices and Arab influence, and following Israel's peace treaty with Egypt, links with Morocco and withdrawal from Sinai, conditions were perhaps ripe for a massive restoration of black African ties with Jerusalem — beyond the four states which had restored relations during Kimche's years as director-general. Was Israel's policy a failure?

"No, not at all. Six years ago there was nothing, there were no contacts; it was like a desert, scorched earth. We started from zero. Last March, I met 16 black African foreign ministers at the special session of the UN General Assembly devoted to Africa. We now have very close relations with 15 or 16 countries. These relations are expressed in a very big change in African voting at the UN [on Middle East issues] and in economic ties," he says.

He adds that the Arabs still hold out promises of economic assistance to African states, many of which are afraid of subversion or worse by Libya's Colonel Gaddafi, should they restore ties with Israel. In addition, the Moslem populations of the African countries — Senegal, Guinea, Nigeria — have become politicized over the years and are a factor in the issue (which wasn't so in the 1960s).

We turn to Syria. Some Israeli spokesmen have recently warned of an "inevitable" war with Syria in the coming years. Kimche declines to go into the subject; but then he says: "Syria has a lot of problems at the moment. A catastrophic economic situation. They suffered a major decline in Lebanon [where they have proven unable to impose order]. The obvious thing, along the Israeli model, is for them to cut their defence spending and to stabilize the economy. But they desire what they call strategic parity and so they have not chosen this route."

"So they must seek 'other means' to solve their problems. The question, of course, is what will these 'other means' be. They could change their policy and join the Arab mainstream vis-a-vis Israel, meaning abandoning the path of war. They could tighten their belts economically. Or they could go for confrontation with Israel, in the hope that they would then receive economic aid from their Arab brothers. Which course they will take I have no idea."

He does not believe it likely that the Syrian political echelon — specifically President Assad — did not know of the Syrian Air Force intelligence's terrorist capers, details of which are now emerging at the Hindawi trial in London.

With fronds like these...

The pile of palm fronds provided free by the city sat high, dry and forlorn in a corner of Kikar Malchei Yisrael, the plaza outside City Hall. The fronds were not very green, though not exactly brown; and not very thick, though not exactly bare.

A few steps away, two men, wearing beepers and each clutching a thick wad of cash in one hand, paced back and forth in front of several neatly stacked palm branches of all shapes and lengths.

There were round fronds and long fronds, wide fronds and thick fronds. Each kind had a price.

The two men didn't like being asked where they got their palm fronds.

The place where the fronds were cut was smooth and even, a sign of a power saw at work. All the fronds were deep green, and they cost a lot. The cheapest was NIS 2.5., and the most expensive was twice that.

It takes at least half a dozen fronds to make the roof of a succa, and the two men were selling about 50 fronds an hour.



Robert Rosenberg

A few more steps away, sitting on a cement park bench were half a dozen elderly men who gather there every day at the same time.

They talked about rotation. All agreed that Labour may be right, but looked wrong. They also talked about the palm frond salesmen, whom they did not seem to like. None of the men on the park bench was religious, but one noted to the satisfaction of all that there was something improper about the way the two salesmen had obviously put on skullcaps just to sell palm fronds for Succot.

Another man remembered that he had seen an ad for an emergency telephone number, 106, which would be answered by city inspectors ready to go after people illegally chopping up palm trees.

"But you don't have any proof," said his friend.

"It's obvious, isn't it?" said the man who wanted to call 106. "Obviously they cut up trees someplace."

"You'd have to know where, to be able to point to the tree," said the friend.

"I suppose you're right. At least they didn't do it to our trees." He looked up toward the tops of the towering date palms that line Sderot Chen next to the plaza.

When one of the salesmen approached, asking for a match with which to burn a piece of twine tied around a stack of fronds, none of the pensioners responded.

A few minutes later the man who noticed that the salesmen's skullcaps didn't fit, took out a pipe and had a smoke.

The salesman, busy with a sale, didn't notice that, after all, the pensioner had a match. He had 2½ days to sell fronds and wasn't going to waste his time with some old men on a park bench.

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'A slightly schizophrenic relationship is preferable to an absence of ties'

Israel and Poland: what the thaw means

Jerusalem Post correspondent Wladimir Struminski in Warsaw

NINETEEN years ago, the Polish regime, angry at the Israeli victory in the Six Day War, broke off diplomatic relations with the Jewish State, sent the Israeli diplomats in Warsaw packing, declared Israel an aggressor against the peace-loving Arab nations and started a fierce anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish campaign. Zionism - never accepted by communists as legitimate - was declared a major enemy of Poland and the word "Zionist" became pejorative.

Most Jews in party and government positions were fired as "Zionists," even though many of them had been communist anti-Zionists. The majority of Poland's Jewish population left the country in 1968 and 1969, leaving behind an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Jews.

Like other Eastern Bloc countries, Poland became heavily involved on the Arab and PLO side of the Middle East conflict, leading that organization not only political but also material and, according to some reports not confirmed by official Polish sources, military support as well.

In November 1975, Poland was among those states that voted in favour of the infamous UN resolution declaring Zionism a form of racism. Even today Poland toes the Soviet Mideast line, demanding an Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories and an independent Palestinian state. But now one fact has changed. The Zionists have returned to Warsaw.

A team of Israeli construction workers is readying the building that housed the former Israeli embassy at 24 Krzywicki Street, where the new Israeli interest section will soon assume its duties. The Israeli diplomats have already arrived in Warsaw in keeping with the Polish-Israeli agreement signed a few months ago on the exchange of diplomats after lengthy negotiations.

It is easy to feel the ironical twist of history at the Israeli return to the Polish capital, or at least to notice a certain contradiction in the Polish position; but then we live in a world of realpolitik: obviously, both sides decided that a slightly schizophrenic relationship was preferable to a highly logical absence of relations. Anyway, in Poland, things are not always clear-cut.

THE VERY definition of the re-established links is a masterpiece of diplomacy. The respective representative offices of the two countries in Warsaw and Tel Aviv are called "interest sections" and will operate within the embassies of other states - the Israelis at the Dutch one in Poland, and the Poles at the Finnish one in Israel. True, the Dutch and the Finnish embassies represented Israeli and Polish interests in the years of severed relations. There was an Israeli interest section in the Dutch embassy even before the Israeli diplomats arrived, but it was staffed by Dutch nationals and located physically in the Dutch embassy. So the real change is the arrival of the Israeli diplomats and their presence in the Israeli embassy building.

The Israeli head of mission, Mordechai Palitzur, has the rank of an ambassador and will be assisted by another two Israeli diplomats. A number of Israeli embassies in the world do not have more than three diplomats. However, when the Israeli representative office in Warsaw looks very much like an embassy and one would be surprised if it did not attempt to act like one, even if in a low-key way, however much the Poles claim, officially in any case, that the interest section will not deal with political issues, but rather will limit itself to fields like humanitarian and cultural affairs.

As for the Israelis, one can safely guess that they know the phone numbers and the addresses of a few Polish ministries and politicians should they want to talk about

more than the sale of theatre tickets. And there can be no doubt that the Polish side will inform the Soviet Union about the activities of the Israelis in Warsaw, which implies an exchange of information between Moscow and Jerusalem, however indirect.

As for Arab-Israeli contacts, Warsaw is not the ideal place for them. A Polish expert noted that in other places such contacts would be easier to arrange and to keep secret. However, Poland does maintain regular contacts with radical Arab states and with Palestinian terror organizations and thus offers a potential line of communications, if the parties concerned should wish one.

The set-up of the representative offices as interest sections is a compromise. At the outset of the negotiations, which started in May 1985 in Bonn between the Polish and the Israeli ambassadors, the Poles suggested that a link be established between the two countries in terms of private commercial companies, possibly even staffed by nationals of a third country. Israel, for its part, expressed its interest in the establishment of fully-fledged embassies.

The negotiations were prolonged and suffered setbacks. All along, the Polish government insisted on secrecy on the talks, and sources in Warsaw say that Polish Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski reacted angrily to media leaks on the talks in Israel.

The Polish behaviour - the initial insistence on low-key representation and anger over publicity - resembles the behaviour of the Soviet Union over the recent Israeli-Soviet meeting in Helsinki. Of course the Polish decision to establish links with Israel and its implementation were closely coordinated with the Soviet Union in a foreign-policy effort in which Moscow assigned Poland the role of a scout. As the second-largest Warsaw Pact country after the Soviet Union itself, Poland's moves carry more political weight than those of smaller East European states. Also, political observers in Warsaw think that the Soviet Union is trying to boost the international reputation of the Jaruzelski regime, which has had a bad press since it crushed the Solidarity union movement in 1981. Jaruzelski also played the scout role when he went on a visit to Peking in September and signed agreements on the improvement of Polish-Chinese relations. On that occasion, Jaruzelski made it clear that he was coordinating his move closely with the Soviet Union. On his way back from China he stopped in Moscow to report to Mikhail Gorbachev.

A Polish official also concedes that the Polish office in Tel Aviv will "naturally" also represent the interests of the whole Warsaw Pact alliance.

ONE MAY ask why it was deemed necessary for Poland to assume its present role vis-à-vis Israel. After all, one Warsaw Pact country, Romania, has retained diplomatic relations with Israel since 1967. Even though this was widely interpreted as an expression of a certain independence in Romanian foreign policy, knowledgeable sources assert that Romania was in fact acting in close coordination with the Soviet Union. Moscow was interested in the East in having an observation post in Israel. Today, however, the Kremlin deems an additional link necessary.

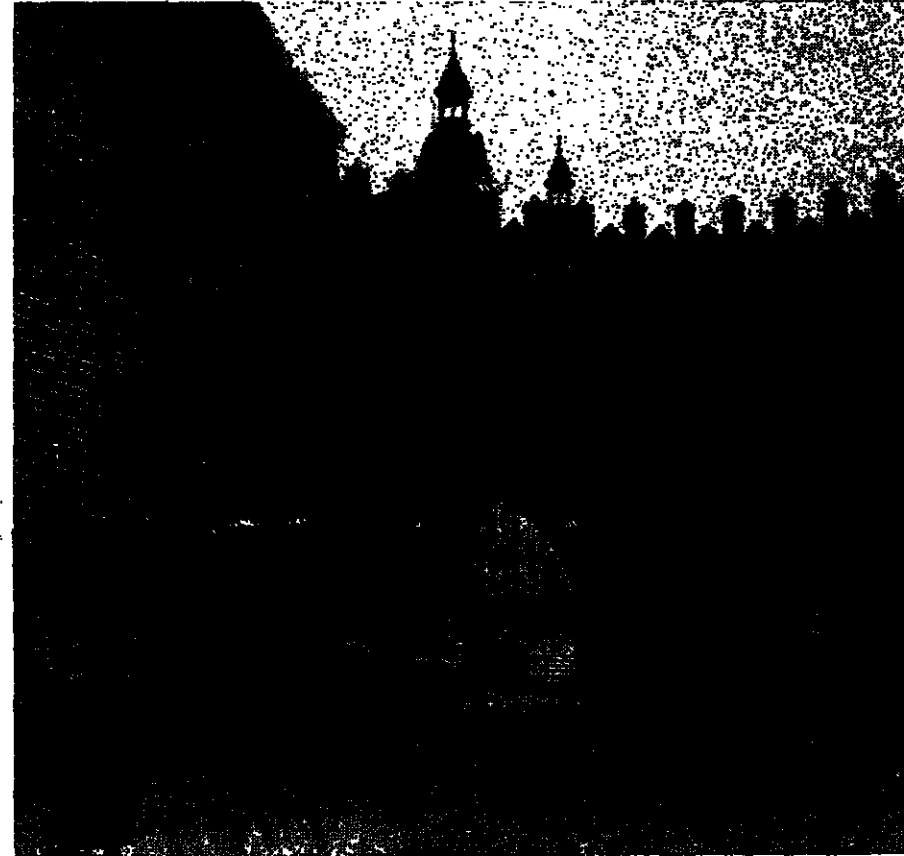
The Polish government has found an elegant way to get around the apparent contradiction between its anti-Israeli stance at the international level, on the one hand, and the renewal of relations with the Zionist state, on the other. The reasons for breaking off relations with Israel had nothing to do with bilateral Polish-Israeli affairs, but with Israeli-Arab problems, Polish government spokesman Jerzy Urban



Parts of the new Warsaw rebuilt after the destruction of World War II. Below, the Barbican gate leading to the old city.



Prime Minister Jaruzelski... a "scout role" for the eastern bloc. (Camera Press)



stated recently. This corresponds to the official formula under which the representative offices are to deal with "non-political" issue only.

Spokesman Urban also stressed the historical links between Poland and Israel, as Poland used to be the home of millions of Jews, and there are still many Israelis who were born in Poland. Polish sources also point out that some links on the human and cultural level were never totally severed.

A knowledgeable source even plainly states that Polish ruler Wladyslaw Gomułka opposed the severing of diplomatic links with Israel in 1967, but had to yield to a "recommendation" from Moscow. One may wonder how, if true, this can be understood in view of the major role Gomułka played in the anti-Jewish campaign at home. But then many Poles combine anti-Jewish prejudices in general with admiration for Israel, which is clearly seen as fighting an uphill battle for its national existence. This is something with which the Poles, who have fought a century-long struggle against two mighty neighbours, Germany and Russia, can easily identify.

Poland is no superpower and has no superpower interests in the Middle East. "We are not interested in every single question in that region," says an official in Warsaw. Today, many Poles would like to visit Israel; after all there are more legends than knowledge about the Jewish state on the banks of the Vistula. A Warsaw intellectual asserts that cultural and artistic circles are readying themselves for congresses, meetings, and performances in Israel.

Poland is still suffering from a severe economic crisis and hopes that better relations with world Jewry, in particular in the U.S., may help its efforts to ease the pressure. American Jews are perceived as an influential group, both in shaping the policy of the U.S. administration, which is still distrustful of the Warsaw regime, and in shaping the economic behaviour of the international community.

As for commercial links with Israel, the Polish Foreign Trade Ministry declined to talk about the subject with *The Jerusalem Post*. Unofficial sources spoke, however, of a major deal for exporting coal and other raw materials to Israel. Such exports are vital to boosting Warsaw's foreign currency reserves. Tourism is another obvious realm in which Poland may hope for market demand in Israel.

LIKE ANY other country embarking on the road to increasing links with Israel, Poland had to face Arab pressure. As the Polish-Israeli negotiations went on, Libya, Syria and Iran were, according to reports in Warsaw, particularly active. As for the PLO, it requested explanations, as one Polish expert put it in an apparent understatement.

On the economic level, the importance of economic links with Arab and oil-exporting countries has diminished for Poland, as it has for other countries. Still, Poland tries to encourage its exports to the oil area, not least of which is construction services. The two major Arab buyers of Polish goods, Libya and Iraq, purchase between them some 3 per cent of Poland's exports. Also, intricate questions of reciprocal indebtedness between Poland and some Arab countries await a solution.

As for the threat of Palestinian terrorism, the PLO allegedly is bound by a decision in principle to refrain from terrorist attacks in Eastern Bloc countries. Still at Rosh Hashana services in the Warsaw synagogue two weeks ago, the Polish anti-terrorist unit was present to protect the worshippers, who included two Israeli diplomats, their families and the Israeli workers at the embassy site. But then, wasn't it Lenin who claimed that while trust was good, control was better?

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Soviets link emigration to Star Wars

Walter Ruby/Post New York Correspondent

ANY HOPE for increased Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union now depends on a reversal of President Reagan's determination not to compromise on the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), according to the Soviet ambassador to the U.S.

Ambassador Yuri Dubinin told Pamela Cohen, president of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews (UCSJ), also that there was a connection between the state of Soviet-Israeli relations and the position of Soviet Jewry.

Cohen held a half-hour discussion with Dubinin aboard an Icelandic flight returning from Reykjavik to New York. "In our conversation," she said, "Dubinin denied that there was formal linkage on the Soviet side (between Jews and SDI). However, he went on to make clear that without a resolution of the conflict over arms control, there could be no real progress on human rights. He also said that progress on Soviet Jewry depended on progress in resolving the Middle East conflict."

Cohen and other Soviet Jewry activists who attended the summit made clear that they will urge the Soviet Jewry movement to reject any effort to pressure the Reagan administration to compromise on SDI in the hope that Gorbachev would then go easier on the Jews.

According to Alexander Goldfarb, son of refusenik David Goldfarb (whose release was announced last night), "It is not Reagan who is holding my father as a hostage, but rather Gorbachev. Whether I or others personally approve of SDI is not the issue. To press the U.S. to compromise on SDI in the hope that maybe the Soviets will then make concessions on Jews, would be to play exactly the game the Soviets want us to play."

David Waksberg, vice president of UCSJ, said, "The tactics the Soviets are employing now are similar to those of the Islamic Jihad. They are trying to get us to put pressure on our government by holding some of our people hostage in the Soviet Union. This is a classic hostage technique and we must not allow the Soviets to coerce us into playing their game."

Morris Abram, president of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ), made clear that his organization will continue to back the administration. Abram, who is also chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the main umbrella body of American Jewish life, issued a statement stating, "We are encouraged that, as a result to the Reagan administration's determination to raise the issue of human rights and Jewish emigration in Reykjavik, progress in this area appears to have been made."

Continuing the "charm offensive" undertaken by other high level Soviet officials in Iceland, Dubinin held cordial meetings aboard the plane with Soviet Jewry activists Goldfarb, Alexander Slepak, Leonid Terlitsky, and Lyudmila Alexeyeva, a non-Jewish member of the Soviet Helsinki monitor group of the mid-1970s. Dubinin said he lacked detailed knowledge of the specific cases brought up by the activists, but he indicated a willingness to look into the cases.

Dubinin gave an upbeat assessment of the summit in sharp contrast to the deep disappointment over the outcome expressed the night before by Secretary of State George Shultz. Asked why Gorbachev is not coming to the planned full-scale summit in Washington if in fact the Reykjavik experience had had such a positive complexion, Dubinin replied, "Unfortunately, there was a divergence of opinion on the most important point. Gorbachev was prepared to accept the continuation of research and testing of SDI in the laboratory, but could not accept the testing of the system in outer space."

AMID THE collapse of the arms control package, the human rights question appeared to be almost completely submerged. For Soviet Jewry activists this was a particularly frustrating turn of events, given that over the previous week, Reagan and Shultz had made unprecedented tough statements on the Jewish emigration issue.

Responding to a question from the Jewish World, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs Rozanne Ridgeway told a press conference that while the U.S. would not demand linkage between human rights and other areas of the U.S.-Soviet relationship, nevertheless, "Soviet performance in the area of human rights is very much a part of the American public's view and measurement of the status of the U.S.-Soviet relationship."

She said the U.S. would press the Soviets for progress in both the humanitarian cases, such as divided families, and human rights of Soviet Jews and dissidents. "We simply do not see the broad range of progress, the continuity, sustainability of progress we would like to see."

After the completion of the second Reagan-Gorbachev session on Saturday, White House spokesman Larry Speakes announced that two working groups of U.S. and Soviet experts had been formed to work toward agreements on two issues. Soviet Jewry activists were jarred when Speakes announced that one working group would focus on arms control and the other on "humanitarian, regional and bilateral issues."

"I find it disturbing that the U.S. has accepted the term 'humanitarian' instead of 'human rights,' which as Secretary Ridgeway indicated, refers to broad numbers of Soviet Jews, and not simply individual cases," the UCSJ's Cohen said.

But other activists said they were somewhat encouraged to learn that Ridgeway would be heading the working group whose agenda included the humanitarian issues.



Freed Soviet Jews protest at the Soviet embassy in Paris. The demonstration took place during the Reagan-Gorbachev summit. (AFP photo)

It was by no means certain that any meaningful human rights agreement was in immediate reach, even if the SDI obstacle had been overcome. U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union Arthur Hartman, who took part in the humanitarian, regional and bilateral issues working group, told American reporters that while U.S. negotiators had pressed the importance of making progress in the human rights area, the Soviet negotiators had been non-committal in response.

Hartman's comments appeared to dovetail with remarks to this reporter by Dmitri Zarechnak, Reagan's personal interpreter during his discussions with Gorbachev. Zarechnak said Reagan had raised human rights questions frequently during his discussions with Gorbachev, but the Soviet leader simply "did not respond."

Dmitri Simes, a former Soviet Jew who is now national security commentator at CBS News, was sceptical about reports that the U.S. and USSR had actually been close to a wide ranging political settlement of their differences. "To say that the U.S. and USSR are close to agreement would be analogous to saying that Israel and Syria have reached agreement on the placement of demarcation lines in the Golan Heights, on tourism to the two countries, and on improving conditions for Syrian Jews. The only area where the two countries continue to disagree is over Israel's right to exist."

Simes expressed doubt that any significant agreements on human rights had been in the offing. He said, "Those Soviet officials who expressed the possibility of movement on human rights were the same ones who were building hopes for far-reaching arms control agreements at the end of the summit. My assumption is that if there is a general improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations, it would certainly help with Jewish emigration."

But, he added, "I see little inclination on their part to reopen the door wide again. I think they decided that their policy (of allowing large-scale Jewish emigration) had been a mistake."

Blow to Soviet Jews

A failed summit — now the fallout

Wolf Blitzer/Post Washington Correspondent

THE FAILURE to produce a sweeping U.S.-Soviet arms control agreement at the Reykjavik summit has certainly resulted in a more chilly relationship between the superpowers.

As a result, there is scant hope in Washington for any immediate improvement in the plight of Soviet Jewry. It is also unlikely that the Soviet attitude toward Israel and the Arab-Israeli peace process will significantly mellow.

"We need not rejoice in the results of the Iceland talks," an Israeli diplomat in Washington commented. "It's by no means good news for us."

Similarly, authoritative U.S. officials maintain that Soviet Jewish emigration is still being held hostage to the state of American-Soviet relations. When ties between Washington and Moscow are on the upswing — as they were in the mid-1970s during the golden days of détente — emigration visas are granted in relatively large numbers. But when the relationship sours, as has been the case in recent years, the exit permits dwindle to a trickle.

At Reykjavik, there had been an opportunity for a dramatic turnaround on arms control. By all accounts, the two sides were on the verge of signing a historic agreement. That would have automatically improved East-West ties.

But Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev conditioned everything to an effective collapse of President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Reagan refused, and the talks collapsed without any agreements — not even a routine joint communiqué. Some angry words were exchanged publicly and privately.

As a result, there is little prospect now for a U.S. visit by Gorbachev — something anticipated for later this year or early next. At their Geneva summit in 1985, the two men had agreed to hold back-to-back annual summits, first in the U.S. and then the Soviet Union. In the weeks leading up to such a visit, the Soviets were expected to ease up on the Jews. But now, all of that is up in the air.

Already, there is a massive public relations campaign under way by Washington and Moscow. Both sides are trying to explain their versions of the truth. President Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz, National Security Adviser John Poindexter, White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan and their top advisers are making themselves available for all sorts of unusual on-the-record briefings. Their message is the same: the Soviets were to blame for the failure. In Moscow, of course, the opposite case is being made, with Gorbachev personally leading the charge.

Reagan, who went to Iceland in a relatively weakened position because of several recent domestic and foreign policy setbacks, has returned home trying to put his best face forward. In an address to the nation Monday evening, the president put forward a vision of a glass half-full, rather than half-empty. "Our ideas

are out there on the table," he said. "They won't go away...So there is reason — good reason — for hope."

The president and his advisers, after some initial expressions of deep disappointment, are now trying to suggest that all is by no means lost. The arms control specialists can continue the process in Geneva. The U.S. is ready to take up in Geneva where the talks in Reykjavik left off.

Reagan's top aides have continued to press that line all week. But so far, their efforts have met with only mixed results.

And despite this public relations campaign, there is a deep sense of despair. Privately, U.S. officials suspect that Gorbachev had indeed set the president up by proposing the mini-summit in Iceland. With hindsight, they concede, Reagan should have heeded the advice of such experienced negotiators as Henry Kissinger and Zbigniew Brzezinski, who had publicly warned against any hastily-called and ill-prepared summit.

BUT THE president jumped into the affair and will now have to pay a price. Much of the reaction in Washington has predictably followed along party lines: the Republicans backing Reagan and the Democrats sniping away.

The final fallout, where it counts most, is by no means certain — namely, in next month's Senate elections where the Democrats, after six years, have a very real chance of once again taking control. The Democrats already control the House of Representatives. Winning the majority in the Senate would effectively crown Reagan as a lame-duck during his final two years in office.

Still, Reagan was praised by syndicated columnist George Will. "It was the President's finest hour," he wrote. "He demonstrated that a president can go to a summit and dare to return without an agreement."

But Will, a long-time supporter of the president, was also indirectly critical of the administration's entire approach to the arms control process with the Soviets. Will has long been sceptical of any arms control deal with the Soviets.

"It may be the case that, by venturing to Iceland for that fast-food summit, the president strode into what the Soviet side fancied as a clever trap — a heads we-win, tails you-lose situation," Will said. "They would either kill the Strategic Defense Initiative or vilify it as the only impediment to arms reductions so comprehensive as to constitute the termination of the Cold War."

"However, it is almost certainly wrong to think, as many even in the administration may think, that important agreements really were within reach regarding intermediate-range and strategic missiles. It is probable that the Soviet offers and expressions of interest were designed in large measure to contribute to the orchestrated euphoria, the collapse of which was counted on to

deepen resentment of SDI. And if the president had, to the Soviets' surprise, killed SDI to get Soviet agreement to cuts, it is probable that many of the cuts would have been initiated in years of negotiations about details, in cheating, and in deployments of new weapons not covered by any Iceland agreements."

Republican Representative Jack Kemp of New York, a potential presidential candidate in 1988 and another arms control sceptic, delivered a major address the other day on U.S.-Soviet relations. From the right wing of the American political spectrum, he urged Reagan to hold firm to long-term conservative principles. And foreshadowing Will, Kemp said: "Success in Iceland might be achieved by the president's walking away from any arms control deal that doesn't measure up to his own rigorous standards."

As expected, the Reykjavik meetings were dominated by arms control. Human rights issues were raised by the U.S. delegation but they did not take up all that much time. Shultz told reporters that Reagan had actually submitted documents to the Soviets, presumably citing the names of long-standing refuseniks and dissidents as well as divided families and spouses.

"The issue of human rights was brought up on a number of occasions and some very significant material was passed to the Soviet Union, which they accepted, that stated not only our views, but in detail, things about Jewish immigration, the numbers of people and things of that kind," the Secretary said.

"So all of that was covered," he continued. "And in what might have been a statement coming out of the meeting dealing with this issue, the subject is explicitly referred to, and perhaps at some point there is a prospect of setting up some kind of systematic basis for discussing it. But, of course, that remains to be seen."

Other U.S. officials said the Soviet side had listened politely. But for Gorbachev, this was really a big issue. There could be "progress" in human rights, he said, only if the bigger picture of U.S.-Soviet relations were improved. That, again, meant an end to the Star Wars programme.

The Soviets privately pressed this same message to reporters and even to Soviet Jewry activists on the scene. To American Jewish leaders, the Soviets, for some time, have recommended that the White House and the State Department be pressured into giving up SDI. They have linked the fate of the Jews to SDI and arms control. But the American Jewish leadership is not about to walk down that path.

At Reykjavik, a breakthrough was possible — one that would have improved U.S.-Soviet relations and eased the plight of Soviet Jewry in the process. But that will now have to await another summit. Don't hold your breath waiting for it to occur. Instead, both sides can be expected to posture in the battle for Western public opinion.

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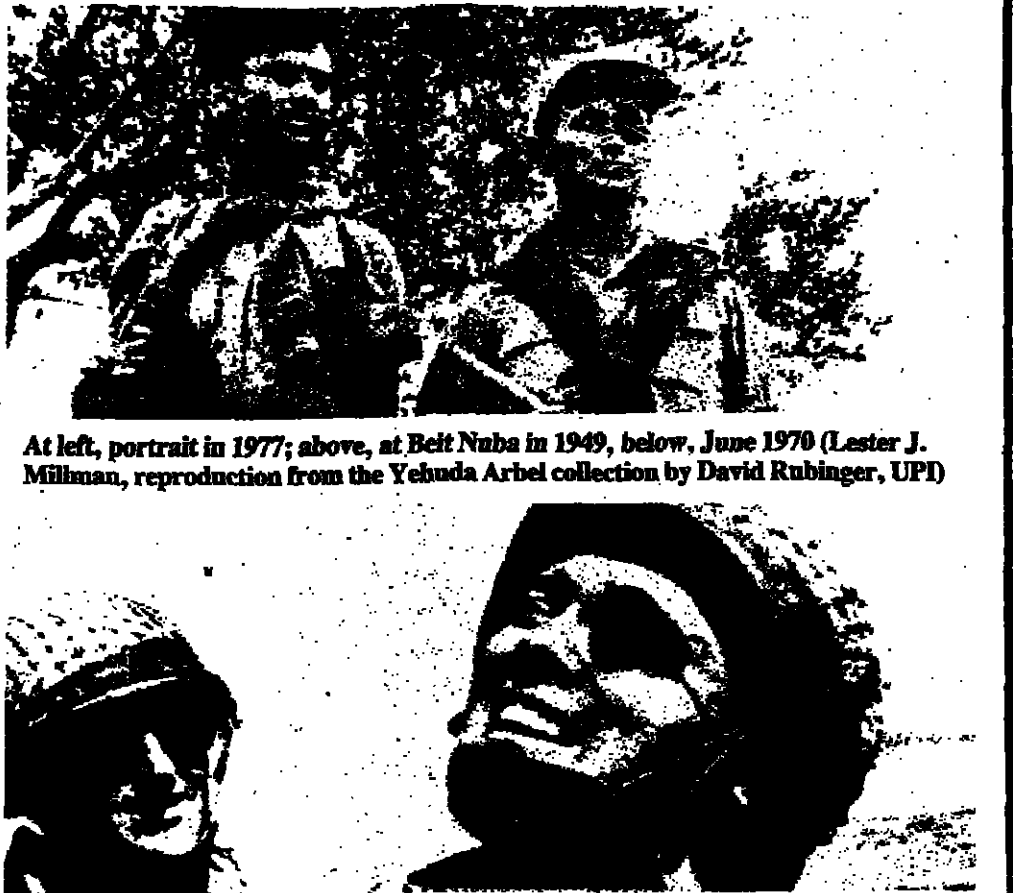
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Charisma: a profile of Moshe Dayan

Five years ago Israel lost a leader who became a legend in his own time. Michael Shashar looks back at his deeds and thoughts.



At left, portrait in 1977; above, at Beit Nuba in 1949, below, June 1970 (Lester J. Millman, reproduction from the Yehuda Arbel collection by David Rubinger, UPI)

SINCE Moshe Dayan's passing, much has been said and written about him in generalities: a man of the book and the sword; general and statesman; hero and poet; warrior and dreamer, and so forth. To be sure, all of these were present in him in full enough measure to describe more than one man.

Yet, here and there, one may add to the mosaic of this man a few pieces from the unusual and almost always impressive experiences of those who were privileged to find themselves in his presence in the field or in the office, in times of war or periods of peace.

The most evident feature of Moshe Dayan's personality was something much more rare, charisma—that God-given quality with which only a few outstanding people are blessed. It could be said that "the skin of his face shone," that he was made of the stuff of the judge-saviours who trod this land, in Galilee and the lowland, in the mountains and valleys, when it was first taken by the people of Israel for the tribes; and again in our time, when he sought "to breathe the breath of the past into the ruins and desolate tells and revive the Israel of the Patriarchs, the Judges and the Kings." (Dayan, *To Live with the Bible*).

Not only those around him felt it but, it seems, so did he. He once said to me, "I can hardly recall a day that the name 'Dayan' isn't in the papers." This was said not arrogantly but as a simple matter of fact. For many years he had put his unique personal imprint upon the events of our lives, on the image and spirit of the State (not always positively), as if destined for this from birth.

I CAN see him now, on the plane to the Suez Canal at the height of the War of Attrition (1970), deep in thought, for he was not one for casual conversation. He peels an orange with his round, heavy, farmer's hands which contrast with his face, sensitive despite the forbidding, almost frightening, black patch. Then gets up, and smiling generously, passes it, section by section, to the young girl soldier flying with us. Then, he goes back and, without a word, draws into his corner for a short nap before landing.

There is tension at the field. The car that will take us the rest of the way to the Bar-Lev Line is ready. But he is determined to continue to the vicinity of the canal by plane. Even when he is told, with all due respect, that there can be no guarantee (of his safety), that it is dangerous and against all regulations, he is adamant—as if the regulations were not meant for him. Here, too, in the heart of the desert, or perhaps because of it, he exudes authority, everyone yields, and we fly in spite of the orders.

At the canal, behind the dike separating the water from the positions of the Bar-Lev Line, he swoops down like a hawk upon the dead bodies of the Egyptian soldiers killed during the night, still lying in the warm, golden sand. With those hands that have handled men and earth, he rifles through the pants pockets of a tall, swarthy Egyptian soldier lying there lifeless, and pulls out a piece of soap...Russian. Surprising? Not necessarily. If the weapons are Russian why shouldn't the soap be Russian?

As if he doesn't feel that a human corpse is worth a moment of thought for emotion, he immediately turns to those around him, the soldiers manning the position, and inquires about their morale, their military service and their civilian occupations. He does it in his especially gracious and charming manner and needless to say, by the very fact of having shown up there in those tense hours, he wins their hearts.

In search of first-hand information, he asks an ordinary private, and not the commanding officer, about the encounters with the Egyptian soldiers and if everything went well. And only when he asks: "If the same thing were to happen to you again, would you do exactly the same as you did?"—and gets a positive response, does he decide that it's time to go home. On the flight back to Tel Aviv, Dayan, as usual, curls up in his corner, says very little and seems lost in other worlds.

With the Beduin

DAYAN, better than any other Israeli leader, is said to have known and understood the Arab mentality, and this is certainly borne out in his talks with common Arab villagers and his contact with Sheikh Mohamammed Ali Jabari in the latter's home

overlooking Hebron or with Haj Ma'azouz al-Masri, head of the city of Nablus.

Still, here is an incident when even Dayan, the real expert on the inconsistency between word and deed of the Beduin—was led astray.

It was in 1969, after Katyusha launchers aimed at Jerusalem had been discovered in the fields of Beit Sahur near Bethlehem. The area was placed under curfew and Dayan met with the sheikh of the Ta'amara Beduin to try to pick up the trail of the would-be terrorists.

In the Oriental pattern of hospitality, coffee is served; Dayan begins with a polite inquiry about the sheikh's fields and flocks and soon, in harsher tone, moves on to ask the identity and origin of the terrorists. The sheikh, along in years, places his hand on his heart and replies innocently: "I don't know; how should I know?"

"You know everyone in your tribe and you know who they are!" Dayan demands.

"I saw no one and I do not know." "Don't tell me stories! You and your people know immediately if anyone comes into your territory." Dayan counters.

Then the sheikh says, "Shall one man sin and you will be wrathful towards the whole community?"

The conversation between the two was harsh and inconclusive. We returned to Jerusalem and Dayan was not in a good mood. Didn't he know that the Beduin had toyed with him? I don't think so. Yet, the next day he was informed that the sheikh himself had fled to Jordan because he had been among the planners of the attempted Katyusha attacks.

"Without Secrets"

GENERALLY, he spoke with the Arabs as he spoke with the Jews—frankly and "without secrets." For example, the following exchange is from a meeting with the mayor of Nablus and City Council members, who were complaining about the demeaning attitude of the soldiers at the Jordan bridges.

Dayan: "This bothers me more than it does you. When a servant rules..."

Haj Ma'azouz: "There was a student studying in Cairo whose parents gave him IL 5,000. They searched him."

Dayan: "Do you know what Fatah did with him? If my son were studying abroad and we had an underground movement, I wouldn't know what they were doing with him. I have two sons."

Haj Ma'azouz: "We know your son doesn't agree with your ideas..."

Dayan: "My second son."

Haj Ma'azouz: "He wants peace and you—war."

Dayan: "My son is not the gauge of what I want."

Can you imagine such a frank, man-to-man conversation with any other of Israel's defence ministers?

Love of Country

DAYAN WAS at his creative best when he described—in his book *To Live with the Bible*—his attitude towards the flocks, the cattle, the people and the wars of the Bible. Not only the Tora or the ethics, but the daily life of the Bible interested him.

Therefore, even though his honest, emotional, poetic love for the Land of Israel, its landscape and its personalities, is impressive and exciting, it is not love of Eretz Yisrael in the Jewish-ethnic sense, but rather, much more, in the Canaanite-pagan sense.

This materialistic love befits the period of the judge-warriors and Dayan, indeed, was as one of them. He was not of the Prophets and Sages who sought to imbue this concept of love of Eretz Yisrael with a very much deeper spiritual content beyond its basic meaning: patriotism. Dayan was not a patriot in this sense of the word, but rather a far-sighted lover of his land.

"I can be on the bank of the Jordan without a single Jewish settlement there and it would not hinder me one whit from seeing this as my land, my country," he once said. It would not be far from the truth to say that in these words he expressed his point of view that the land of Israel was dearer to him than the State of Israel which, for all of its importance, was a means and not an end—in contrast to the concept held by many of those who founded the state a generation before.

As a son of the generation of Israel's founders, Dayan succeeded by dint of his personality in freeing himself from the almost blind adoration of the state which was characteristic, for example, of Golda Meir.

His was a nationalist-secularist world outlook which he expressed as follows: "Let's assume that partition had taken place and I would come to Nablus or Shiloh with a visa. I would feel at home there even though the political boundary was elsewhere." Here, it seems, one can find an explanation for his political thinking about the functional division of Eretz Yisrael in which he saw a chance for a solution to the Arab-Israeli problem.

It would appear that he pushed this approach to the limit when he told journalists in 1970: "Whether Hebron be on this or that side of the border, I see nothing wrong in having Jewish settlement there, either as Israeli or as Jordanian citizens!"

In general, Dayan believed: "In Eretz Yisrael on both sides of the Jordan, there is room for two states—a Jewish state and an Arab state...a Jewish state in character and popula-

tion and an Arab state...we must suggest a way to a solution of the Arab problem in such a fashion that they [the Arabs of the territories] shall be able to be part of an Arab state."

He even tried to give his ideas an historic-philosophic foundation: "I attribute no material meaning to the concept of 'historic right,' not even as it relates to the Western Wall or to the places which Jews built with their own funds. Because Abraham came from Aram-naharaim, do we have the right to tell the Arabs to leave? We have an historic connection with Eretz Yisrael as the birthplace preserved in the national memory. The nation keeps this connection alive."

"Historically speaking, this obligates us even more to the future. The obligation to the future of the Jewish people devolves upon your blood and your bodies [students], that the

events of the Holocaust shall not recur. We have no historic right to Sharm el-Sheikh, but we have an obligation to the future to see to it that Israel be able to ship oil at Sharm. Along with the past, we also have a responsibility to the future—and this is the reason maps must be drawn: Jerusalem-Israeli, and Amman-the Arab state."

From this, we can sketch most clearly Dayan's long range political programme, a programme that had practical value and which has tried hard to find its place after Dayan's death.

Pessimist, Not Fatalist

THOUGH HE was an admitted pessimist, he was not a fatalist. More than any others, he understood the heavy burden of the state, yet he was absolutely ready to assume and "lighten" it on the path to peace.

When he came forth with the motto: "Fear not, O Jacob, my servant," his intention was not to comfort his people but to say, as he did: "How will being afraid help you? You must act, work hard and where there are no men, try to be a man. This was his way and his realistic faith which often were deliberately contrary to what people expected."

Thus, for example, he paid no heed to popular sentiment which demanded the death penalty for terrorists because he felt that Israel's long-range account with the Arabs would be the more difficult to settle if we hanged Fatah members every day.

And in contrast to his image as a general who delighted in battle, he said more than once: "War must be waged with common sense. One does not go to war easily. There is an obligation to preserve peace even if it be shaky."

On the issues of administrative detentions and blowing up terrorists' homes, he was much more careful and liberal than the "experts" and the "professionals." When the mayor of Nablus complained to him about such detentions, Dayan publicly told him: "I think you have a case. I have recently begun to look into it and, in principle, I agree that this [the extension of the period of administrative detention] should not happen unless there is an exceptional reason. I have asked the police for all of their reasons for extending such detentions and I want to personally check each instance. The police are going to have a tough time convincing me." And Dayan often caused the general security forces trouble.

Michael Shashar was spokesman for the military government in the territories between 1967 and 1971.

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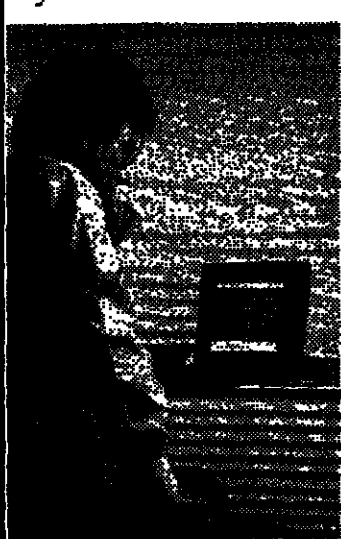
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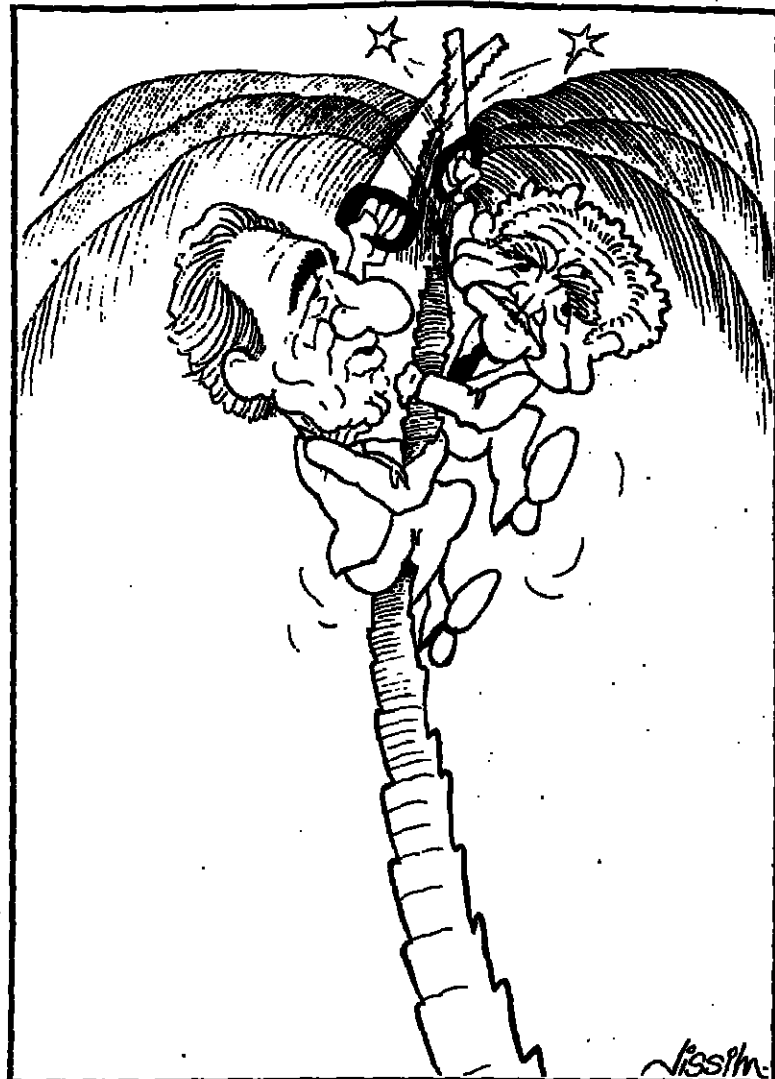
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Suspicion will rule our leaders

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EVEN IF everything is solved between the two major political partners, the prospects of the national unity government now seem worse than a week ago. It is really doubtful whether Shamir's cabinet will be able to function and complete its term.

These are unavoidable conclusions of an analysis of the source and meaning of the crisis which has been wrongfully ascribed just to Peres's will to find a proper job for his successful cabinet secretary, Yossi Beilin is not such a poor job hunter nor is Peres ready to risk his personal credibility, which he gained with so many efforts, just in order to place Beilin in a high position. It would make no sense.

Peres has had several opportuni-

ties in the last months to torpedo the rotation by a sophisticated move. If he had only wanted it. He could have fired Sharon for his critical statements after the massacre in the Istanbul synagogue, making it very clear that Sharon would never return to the national unity cabinet. He could have agreed with President Mubarak on a modality for Palestinian self-determination, as some observers had predicted.

Peres could also have made a major political issue out of his differences with Shamir on the international peace conference, or even on a direct, unconditional Israeli initiative towards the Soviet Union. And, of course, there was the General Security Service affair, in which Peres could have—if he played it in a sophisticated manner—pushed Shamir himself out of the cabinet, thus evading the problem of rotation.

But Peres did none of these, de-

spite his fair chances of persuading public opinion. Why did he agree to come to crisis with the Likud on what appear to be unimportant matters?

THE ANSWER is that these matters reflect a more significant one—an atmosphere of a mutual lack of confidence and suspicion on the highest national level. As Shamir's foreign minister, Peres also wants to control Israel's No. 1 embassy—in Washington, D.C. With his loyal man as the ambassador, Peres will regulate the daily contacts with the U.S. administration, thus enabling him to keep the diplomatic initiative.

That control is the very reason for the Likud's absolute rejection of this idea. Shamir did not agree to any of the names Peres presented as candidates—not on personal, but rather on political grounds. He does not want Peres to be too active with the highly sensitive issues involved with the U.S. relations, including the renewal of the peace process, about which there are significant ideological differences of opinion.

On the other hand, the Alignment's position is questionable from two points of view. First, the control of the relations with the U.S. has caused many conflicts between Israeli prime ministers and their respective foreign ministers, but never before has a designated foreign minister tried to force his prime minister to make appointments on the ambassadorial level. The Israeli custom is that this is one of the few

appointments over which a prime minister has a veto.

Second, the Likud's position is based on the coalition agreement which fails to mention the Washington ambassadorship as one of the conditions for the implementation of the rotation. Even if Labour has a case with Modi, there is no case at all with the ambassadorial appointment.

More than that, there is an unusual process of alienation between the Labour Party and its supporters in the diplomatic service. It is no secret that prior to the 1977 upheaval only a few diplomats were Herutniks. The party was critical of Moshe Dayan, and from time to time even of Menachem Begin himself, for not "cleansing" the foreign service and appointing Herut activists as ambassadors and attaches. At the same time, the foreign service went slowly but surely through a process of keeping in line with the new government.

When political appointments started at last, some newcomers were absorbed in the service; nevertheless, the image of the foreign service remained the same: a highly professional group of civil servants whose political sympathies were left of the Likud.

With the exception of a few, the Likud tenure did not affect their work, either in the main office in Jerusalem or in our embassies abroad. The fact remains that their hearts were never given to the Likud. And now, when they are going to have a Labour minister for

the first time in 9 years, the Likud leader defends their non-partisan, professional status, against the Labour leader. What an irony!

ONCE the rotation is completed and the Labour Party proves its credibility, forces pushing for a break-up of the undesired coalition with the Likud might prevail. And more than that, the very functioning of the government might be questionable.

Let's take the relations with the U.S. for example. Even if Peres is successful in making Beilin the ambassador to Washington, it can be anticipated that the highest level contacts between the two countries will be channelled through the American embassy in Tel Aviv. As it has happened several times in the past, the Israeli embassy in Washington will not be the central agent of the prime minister. When this has happened in the past, the foreign minister was not able to do anything.

But Peres can, and probably will. The result will be great tension between Peres and Shamir, which will be used by Shamir's internal challengers to shorten his term and lead to early elections.

Only strong determination by both Peres and Shamir to continue with the national unity government until 1988 may stop the political erosion. The least that could be said about last week's events is that they did not indicate such strong determination.

During Succot the door opens

Tora today/Pinhas Peli

SUCCOT, THE Feast of Booths, or "Tabernacles" comes as the final record in a succession of holidays. Rosh Hashana leaves behind the outgoing year following 30 days of the month of Elul, the month of repentance. The 40 days from the first of Elul till Yom Kippur correspond, according to tradition, to the 40 days Moses spent in heaven before coming down to bring the Tablets of the Covenant for the second time. These are therefore 40 days of inner tension and personal retrospection, as we notice the years of our life go by. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, summons us back to at-onement with the community and the God of Israel. A great reconciliation takes place and Succot comes along to celebrate it.

"All the days before Succot," says one great hassidic master, "we knock on the door to be accepted." On Succot the door opens and we are invited to enter. We are again resting under the wings of God's protection, *betzila d'mehemuta*, "under the shadow of faith."

When the classic sources of Judaism say *ha-hag*, "The festival," without any addition, they usually refer to Succot, the festival of festivals; the one festival whose main thrust and focal point is joy itself. The joy of arrival, of making it. "The Feast of Ingathering."

The Zohar, the "Bible" of Jewish mysticism, describes this special aura of Succot in the following way:

"When a person sits in this abode of the shadow of faith, the Divine Presence spreads her wings over him from above and Abraham and five righteous ones—Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Aaron, joined by

David, make their abode with him.

"First it says 'You shall live in booths' and then 'all citizens in Israel shall live in booths.' (Leviticus 23:42). Why twice in one verse? The first refers to the guests, therefore Rab Hammuna the elder, when he entered the booth, used to stand at the door inside and say, 'Let us invite the holy guests and prepare a table' and he used to stand up and greet them, saying, 'Take your places, most exalted guests, please sit down...' He would then raise his hand in joy and say, 'Happy is our portion, happy is the portion of Israel...' and then he took his seat... The second 'you shall live' refers to 'all citizens of Israel'; for he who has a portion in the Holy Land and the holy people sits in the shadow of faith to receive the guests so as to rejoice in this world and the next. He must also gladden the poor, because 'the portion of those guests whom he

invites must go to the poor.'"

While the spirit is soaring high to join company with holy celestial guests who come from above to sit in the "shadow of faith" of the succa, Jewish mystics did not forget the poor on this earth, handing over to them the portion prepared for the sublime guests.

These sentiments of the mystic penetrated some of the customs of Succot in every Jewish home. The succa must be decorated with the choicest of one's beautiful objects. *Noy Succa*, the mitzva to adorn the succa, served as a tremendous outlet for the creative aesthetic drive within the Jewish soul. One generation would pass on to another traditions of arts and crafts in the decoration of the succa. Above all, however, was the tradition that the nicest of all adornments of the succa was a poor wayfarer invited to join in the abundance and joy of the feast.



Wreath Him, every day and hour. Here, in an earthly booth as well, His glory did not spurn to dwell.

THE NUMBER of sacrifices offered during Succot (Numbers 20:12-39) totals 70. The rabbis comment that those were offered for the benefit of the well-being of the "seventy nations of the world," comprising the entire human race. The spirit of Succot thus inspired not only the vision of unity between one Jew and another, but also the uppermost desire for unity and peace between one nation and another. "Spread over us the tabernacle of Thy peace," is part of everyday prayer. It is during Succot, however, that this prayer is expressed more ardently and explicitly as a plea for universal peace, as it was foreseen by the prophet Zachariah (14:16): "And it shall come to pass that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up... to worship the King, the Lord of hosts... and to keep the feast of tabernacles."

Among the few (perhaps too few) innovations in the Jewish prayerbook since the rise of the State of Israel is a "prayer for universal peace" compiled by the late Rabbi Mordechai Hassenfeld and sanctioned by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel to be recited on every Succot on Mount Zion.

"Our Father in heaven! Our ancestors in ancient days used to offer unto you 70 sacrifices for the well-being and peace of the nations of the world. We, your people of the sovereign State of Israel, pray, unto you out of Jerusalem, the city of peace, out of Zion, the abode of your holy presence. Have mercy on the world, on the lands and nations therein, and prevent war from destroying this world of yours. We implore You, King of peace, grant Brotherhood among the nations, that they should all join the covenant of peace from hereafter, even as it was foreseen by thy holy prophets in their vision for the end of days. Amen."

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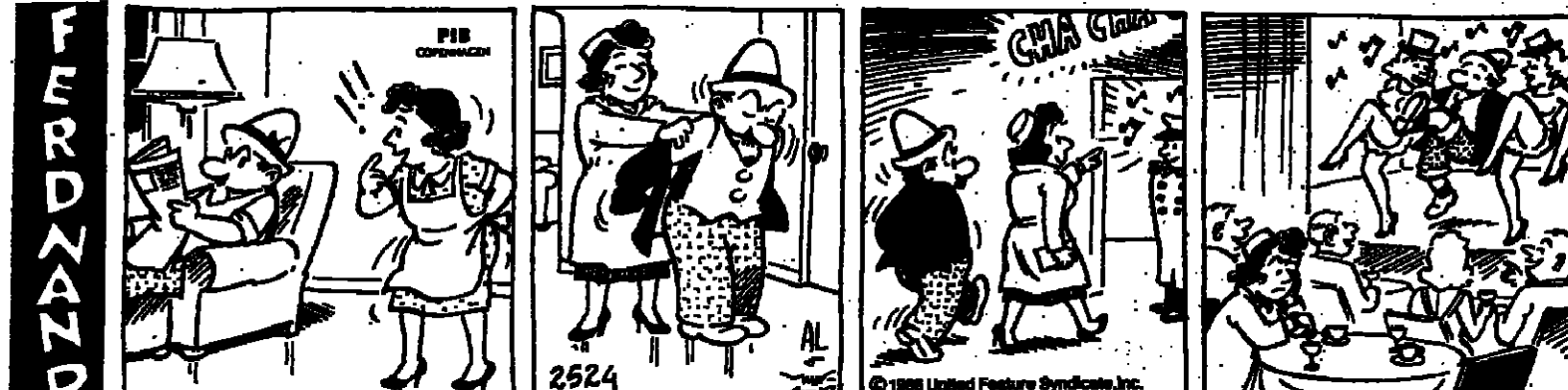
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OPINION

David who?

Ya'acov Friedler

AT THE recent ceremonies marking the centenary of the birth of David Ben-Gurion, Shimon Peres announced the forthcoming establishment of a Negev settlement in Ben-Gurion's honour - Kfar David.

Had Peres, a Ben-Gurion protege and enthusiastic disciple, been just a little less busy he might have considered that rather than honouring Ben-Gurion, Kfar David is likely to condemn the name of the founder of Israel to limbo.

I am willing to offer very favourable odds that long before another decade goes by, the people passing Kfar David will wonder "which David would that be?" For one thing, there already are four settlements in the country bearing the name David, and I doubt there are more than four Israelis who can say exactly for whom each is named. A fifth David settlement can but further confuse the issue.

The moment I heard about Kfar David, I had a nagging feeling of déjà vu. I knew there was at least one David settlement somewhere. Taking up *Kol Ha'aretz*, the lexicon of all place names in Israel, I found another three.

The veteran Davidville is Ramat David, a kibbutz in the Jezreel Valley, founded in 1926. Very few people know who it is supposed to honour, and the road sign outside its entrance, "Ramat David" (with a "v"), won't help them very much. It tends to indicate some Oriental gentleman, Daoud perhaps, who was deserving enough to have a kibbutz named for him.

One could hardly be more wrong. Ramat David is in fact named for, hold on... David Lloyd George, the fiery Welshman who was prime minister of Britain during the latter half of World War I, and in whose cabinet the Earl of Balfour issued the famous Balfour Declaration, promising the Promised Land as a Jewish national home.



Four Davids who have settlements named after them (clockwise): David Lloyd George, David Wolfsohn, David Levontin and David (Mickey) Marcus.

While on the subject, it's worth mentioning that Lord Arthur James Balfour did a little better for himself in Israel than his prime minister, memory wise. A little moshav not far from Ramat David is named for him, and as it is called Balfouria, it can hardly be confused with anybody else.

AS FOR the other settlers David. In 1938, Kibbutz Nir David was founded in the Beit She'an Valley, named for David Wolfsohn, who succeeded Herzl as president of the



World Zionist Organization. A decade later, the American Jewish colonel, David "Mickey" Marcus, who came to fight in the Independence War and was accidentally shot dead by a Jewish guard, was commemorated by Mishmar David, a kibbutz near Hulda in the interior plain.

Finally, in 1955 Sde David, a moshav, was established in the southern part of the interior plain. It was named for David Zalman Levontin, one of the founders of Rishon LeZion.

So if that were not enough to confuse and mystify, we are to have a fifth David settlement, Kfar David, to join the ranks of the unremembered and hard to identify Davids. "You name them, we'll forget them" is hardly the way to honour people.

BUT AT least our five Davids have part of their names attached to their settlement. How about the venerable personalities whose settlements "identify" them only by their titles.

There are, for instance, two neighbouring kibbutzim in the Menashe hills with *Hashofet* (the judge) in their name, respectively Ein and Ramat Hashofet. No, they are not named for the same judge and cloned during the better-to-be-forgotten period in the early Fifties when kibbutzim split over ideological differences.

Ein Hashofet is named for the late famed associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Louis Dembitz Brandeis, who was a great supporter of Zionism. Ramat Hashofet honours, if that is the right word for so vague an identification, another American judge, Julian Mack, who was an active member of the Zionist Organization of America.

Our name givers, or christeners if you'll excuse the expression, found even better ways to confuse the memory of those to be remembered. Perhaps the outstanding example is Kibbutz Ein Hanatziv (Well of the Governor or Commissioner) in the Beit She'an Valley, established in 1946. We may be forgiven for assuming that it honours the first British high commissioner (*natziv elyon*), the late Lord Herbert Samuel. In fact, the above Hanatziv is an acronym for the Hebrew, Harav Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin, who was an early supporter of the Lovers of Zion, a Zionist movement in Eastern Europe at about the time of Ben-Gurion's youth.

And now David Ben-Gurion is to join the ranks of the forgotten Davids. Perhaps now that Peres has given up the time-consuming premiership, he may give the matter second thought. Ben-Gurion, the man who made the dream of the Jewish state come true and who devoted his later years to the building up of the Negev, deserves better. "Kfar David Ben-Gurion" would add only four more syllables for us to read as we pass the moshav, and in a few years would prevent the otherwise inevitable statement that "this place reminds me of somebody but I can't quite place the name."

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Beginning in the year 1986-7 (5747), the Association will conduct a preparatory course on Israeli law, through the medium of the Association's Advocates' Refresher Courses Institute, and the Tel Aviv University Law Faculty. The course is intended for new immigrants eligible to sit for examinations in Israeli law, and for Israelis who studied law abroad and are obligated to sit for examinations.

Studies will be held from Sunday, November 2, 1986 in the Tel Aviv University Law Faculty building at Ramat Aviv. Studies will take place 4-8 p.m., Sunday-Thursday.

For additional details and registration, applications should be directed to the Israel Bar Association's Advocates' Refresher Courses Institute and the Tel Aviv University Law Faculty, room 310, 3rd floor, at the Law Faculty building in Ramat Aviv, Tel. 414376, 423761, 2:30-6:30 p.m., Sunday-Thursday.

Course lecturers will participate in preparations for and marking of examination papers.

Don't take chances
Report suspicious objects! Dial 100.

Beale 1900, 1973 + 1972, test, radio, automatic, 03-37977.

Beale 1900, 1973, 120,000km., well kept, 03-47670.

Golf 1300, automatic, 1982, 23 Breda, Pash Tikva, 03-40072, Eyal.

Golf 1100, 1977, overhaul + repairs, spray, 706570.

Golf 1100, 1982, one owner, super condition, 03-905747.

Golf 1200, 1981, as new, well kept, 03-913812, not Shabbat.

Jetta, 1982, one owner, 42,000km., change possible, 03-93381.

Passat 1600, 1980, automatic, year's test, 03-76220, 03-74815.

Polo 1100, 1982, excellent, 03-230166, 03-48524.

Volkswagen LT 35, 1981, one owner, list price, 03-26210, 03-33678.

Volkswagen double cabin, 1981, 03-48526, from 17,000.

Bargain, Volkswagen Derby 1100, 1981, 48,000km., 99007.

Beale 1900, 1981, 03-93364.

Beale 1972, model, 1200, excellent condition, 03-33506.

Golf 1300, 1981, 36,000, one owner, list price, 03-51021, 03-435131.

Golf 1100, 1977, excellent condition, list price, 03-437004.

Golf 1100 S, 1981, 2nd owner, 53,000km., test, 03-735444.

Golf 1100 S, 1982, one owner, year's test, 03-232229.

Golf 1300 S, 1981, 54,000, 514,000, 03-964233.

Golf 1300 S, 1982, well kept, 03-282496, not Shabbat.

Savannah, 1978, automatic, 2nd owner, 90,000, well kept, urgent, 03-260822.

Bargain, double cabin, 1977, 2000 engine, excellent, 03-41010.

Beale 1200, 1982, 1979 engine, excellent condition, 03-341799.

Derby 1100, 1981, metallic, 03-33276.

Double, 1983, one owner, 33,000km., 03-82946, Saturday, 03-830712.

Golf 1100, 1979, 2nd owner, 03-43927, excellent.

Golf 1100 S, 1982, 50,000km., 03-845580, 03-82047.

Golf 1300 S, 1984, one owner, 24,500, 03-942763.

Golf 1500, automatic, 1978, 3rd owner, well kept, 03-575742.

Golf 1984, air conditioner, 03-92833, 03-42393.

Jetta 1300, 1982, excellent condition, from driving teacher, 03-33276.

Jetta, 1985, extras, metallic, 03-2846.

Passat 1600, 1976, automatic, one owner, 37,000km., 03-741047.

Polo, 1979, from rental, excellent condition, radio, 03-356065.

Transporter Kombi, original, automatic, air conditioner, 1985, 03-31044, 03-443179, not Shabbat.

Transporter, end 1985, one owner, 24,000km., automatic, extras, list price + 15%, 03-764602.

Beale 1200, 1973, test, list price, 03-42393, 03-42393.

Golf 1981, good condition, white, from Champion Rent, 10% less than list price, 03-336154.

Polo, 1981, from rental, 2nd owner, excellent condition, 03-761147.

VOLVO

145 station, 1972, automatic, air conditioner, list price, 03-745188.

144 CL, 1974, new condition, test, radio, 03-919023.

244 GL, 1975, 167,000, personal transport, injectors, 03-745363.

345 GL, 1982, automatic, one owner, low km., list price, 03-423133.

GL station, 1979, one owner, 130,000km., test, 03-729418.

Volvo 164, American, 1972, excellent, NIS 8,400, 03-447140, work: 03-615495.

Volvo 244 GLE, 1982, all extras, 03-919023, 03-448599.

Volvo 360, 1980, NIS 14,500, 03-27730, 03-441545.

Volvo GL, 1979, after overhaul, 03-93624.

1980, station, second owner, 125,000km., excellent, 03-336662.

1980, 345 GL, automatic, 61,000km., list price, 03-77302.

From disabled, 240 DL, 1984, 22,000km., extras, 03-33019.

80, 1300, 1982, excellent condition, 03-946451, 03-990281.

Bargain, Volvo 345, 1980, 40,000km., 03-471570, 03-473653.

Volvo 345, 1983, standard shift, air conditioner, 03-926657.

244, 1976, automatic, air conditioner, test, beautiful, 03-33426, 03-33426.

244 1800, 1982, automatic, 03-437676, work: 03-96267, evening.

WILLIS JEEP

Suzuki Jeep, 1984, excellent condition, radio, list price, 03-436641.

Seat Malaga 1.2 GL, 50,000km., 5 long, 1976, NIS 3,000, excellent, 251153, 249462.

Jeep, 6-cylinder, long, 1982, excellent condition, 03-973737.

Wagonette station, 1974, test, recognized, from wheel drive, 03-97272.

Motobikes

Alfa, 1980, excellent, NIS 1,000, 03-31687, afternoon.

ABM, rental and sale of motorcycles, accessories, spare parts, 46 Ha'Alia, Tel Aviv, 03-634105.

DR 600, 1985, 7,000km., 36,800, 03-357385.

For sale, Suzuki X, 1985, imported, 03-922057.

3-cylinder scooter, 1984, list price, 03-922057, not Shabbat.

Honda Suring 50, excellent condition, new, running in, list price, 03-922057.

Yamaha 125, beautiful, overhaul, 03-262127.

Kawasaki 500, 1983, from tourist, 03-922057, Eyal.

Midagun Boxer, 1985, excellent, NIS 1,200, 03-250667, evening.

Monoguzzi 650, 1983, excellent condition, year's test, 03-221859, 03-79921.

Piaggio C, 1982, mechanically and externally excellent, 03-491181.

Rallye, 1977, after overhaul, list price, 03-727112.

Suzuki RM 250 Motorcross, professional, 1979, 03-561390.

Vespa Rallye 200, 1976, mechanically excellent, 03-561390.

Suzuki DR 600, black, 1985, 998381.

Glens 50, 1983, excellent condition, list price, 03-237822, Naji.

Java 350, 1978, excellent condition, 51,200, 03-658005.

Lambretta 250, 1985, white, 03-5461073.

Suzuki 250 GSX, 110,000km., fairing, saddlebags, 03-482626.

Suzuki X 50, 1985, well kept, extras, 03-520362, weekdays.

BSA Twin 650, Goldenfield, excellent condition, 03-237822, Saturday, 03-66147.

Bargain! Less than list price, Suzuki 600 DR, 1980, 03-31088.

DR 600, June 1985, NIS 6,800, 03-789419.

Derbi Variant, 1984, 2,700km., save, list price, 03-492258.

Derbi Super, 1983, rare, test, over 35,000, 03-26484522, Gil: 03-332919, home.

Honda CX 500, 1985, well kept, extras, 03-37948.

Honda 500X, 1980, excellent condition, 03-76278.

Honda 750, station, 1976, excellent condition, test, 03-76278.

Honda C.B. 1100F, Gil, test, new, to take out of Israel, 03-482735.

Jawa, 1979, old model, beautiful, overhauled, for serious, bite in Tel Aviv, 03-434118.

Jawa, 1979, year's test, 03-24221.

Kajava 350, 1985, 5,000km., superb, 03-232151, 03-41864.

New Honda CBR 600, 1984, new condition, all size types, middle containers, Gecia Garage, 03-26323.

Seeking motorcycle from tourist, cross 250 and higher, road 750 and higher, 03-76278.

Yamaha XZ, 1975, superior condition, 03-28555.

Yamaha XT 500, 1980, 54,500, 03-942630, 03-942630.

Yamaha 450, equipped, bags, extras, 03-766619, 03-942630.

Derbi, 1982, reconditioned, test, helmet, excellent condition, 03-37822.

First come first served, BSA 600, bargain, due to departure, 03-241631.

For sale, Cagiva 500, Alfa Blue, 1983, excellent, 03-553374.

Special! Cagiva, Ducati, Alpinet 600, brand new, 03-711555.

Suzuki DR 250 S, 1985, well kept, list price, NIS 8,500, 03-28811, 03-556485.

Suzuki 400, 1984, 21,500km., excellent, 03-241353.

Suzuki 400, GSX, 1986, one owner, list price, 03-936977.

Suzuki GSX 400 S, 1986, excellent, 03-721883, 03-228322.

X.T. 500, Yamaha, 80, 54,500, 03-245430.

BMW 750, 1977, middle-age, fairing, good condition, 03-33681.

Renault 654, excellent condition, 9,900km., 03-801763.

Cagiva 350, Elia Rossa, 1985, like new, 16,000km., 03-448599.

Jawa, 1979-81, well kept, excellent condition + box, 03-907718.

Sales/Leasing: Suzuki 500, 1975, amazing! 03-22974, 03-666627.

Suzuki 850 GS, 1979, excellent condition, extras, accessories, 03-729418.

Passat, 1977, 1600, automatic, year's test, excellent, 03-524251.

Car Accessories

Kashish, engine, gear, bodywork, electrical, including delivery, 03-507576.

Garages

Mechanical equipment garage requires experienced diesel mechanic, good terms for suitable, 03-91298, 03-900735.

Qualified vehicle electrician required, good terms, 03-441338, work.

Tractor mechanics, with Caterpillar professional experience, 03-961029.

Professional car mechanic, for private cars, convenient working conditions, Tel. Vavio Service, 5991106, 802155.

Driving Schools

Suzuki 1300, 1984, excellent mechanical condition, 03-247055, 03-71038.

Jerusalem

Cars for Sale

Seat Ronda GLX, 1983, excellent condition, radio, list price, 03-761464.

Seat Malaga 1.2 GL, 50,000km., 5 long, 1976, NIS 3,000, excellent, 251153, 249462.

Jeep, 6-cylinder, long, 1982, excellent condition, 03-973737.

Wagonette station, 1974, test, recognized, from wheel drive, 03-97272.

Audi 100, 1978, automatic, after test, 03-961029, 03-961752.

Audi 80, 1979, automatic, 40,000km., 03-527406, weekdays.

AUSTIN, MORRIS

Mini Minor, 1975, good condition, 03-22086, 03-42363.

BMW 315, 1982, 2nd owner, radio, test, 03-85756, 03-352304.

CITROEN

Via Super A, 1983, 24,000, excellent, 03-303644, 03-55988.

Via Super, 1983, one owner, 30,000km., 03-76586.

Honda Suring 50, excellent condition, new, running in, list price, 03-922057.

Yamaha 125, beautiful, overhaul, 03-262127.

Kawasaki 500, 1983, from tourist, 03-922057, Eyal.

FIAT

Fiat 127, 1050, 1984, 03-812882, 03-237122, work.

Fiat 127, Panoramia, 1984, one owner, test, excellent, 03-222540.

Seat Fura 127, 1985, from rental, radio-tape, test, 03-85756, 03-332524.

131 1600, 1981, air conditioner, one owner, 80,000km., 03-855222.

Rinco C, 1300, 1982, one owner, 03-43362, not Shabbat.

FORD

Bargain, Sierra 1600 GL, 1983, automatic, excellent, 03-767370.

Breeda 1300, 1977, automatic, 100,000, well kept, 03-343182, evenings.

Subaru

1300, 1983, 2nd owner, excellent condition, 03-60000, 03-22319.

VolksWagen

Beale 1300, 1972, excellent condition, 03-22860.

Flats

Thelma, 3 rooms, view of Knesset, 03-40333, 03-974121, weekdays.

Contractors

Avnei Meron offering in Givatayim, luxurious penthouse in 6 floor building, 03-739112.

Givatayim, 75 Shikun, for sale, 1st floor, 100sq.m., 2nd floor, 100sq.m., 3rd floor, 100sq.m., 4th floor, 100sq.m., 5th floor, 100sq.m., 6th floor, 100sq.m., 7th floor, 100sq.m., 8th floor, 100sq.m., 9th floor, 100sq.m., 10th floor, 100sq.m., 11th floor, 100sq.m., 12th floor, 100sq.m., 13th floor, 100sq.m., 14th floor, 100sq.m., 15th floor, 100sq.m., 16th floor, 100sq.m., 17th floor, 100sq.m., 18th floor, 100sq.m., 19th floor, 100sq.m., 20th floor, 100sq.m., 21st floor, 100sq.m., 22nd floor, 100sq.m., 23rd floor, 100sq.m., 24th floor, 100sq.m., 25th floor, 100sq.m., 26th floor, 100sq.m., 27th floor, 100sq.m., 28th floor, 100sq.m., 29th floor, 100sq.m., 30th floor, 100sq.m., 31st floor, 100sq.m., 32nd floor, 100sq.m., 33rd floor, 100sq.m., 34th floor, 100sq.m., 35th floor, 100sq.m., 36th floor, 100sq.m., 37th floor, 100sq.m., 38th floor, 100sq.m., 39th floor, 100sq.m., 40th floor, 100sq.m., 41st floor, 100sq.m., 42nd floor, 100sq.m., 43rd floor, 100sq.m., 44th floor, 100sq.m., 45th 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Employees, MKs give bankers a hard day



Bank Leumi's works committee invaded the office of Dr. Ernest Japhet yesterday morning, demanding that he return the \$5 million he had received as compensation when he resigned as chairman and chief executive officer. (IPPA)

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The inquiry would cover compensation for all executives above the level of deputy general manager. At a stormy, six-hour meeting the committee also decided to extend the scope of the inquiry to include the salaries of top officers of companies listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno, who attended the meeting, accused certain unnamed figures of inciting the public against the banks. "The banking system is very sensitive, and the exaggerated incitement of the public against it, which has gone beyond the borders of the desirable, may result in managers refusing to manage banks," he said.

But Bruno himself also came under attack, with committee members accusing him of "indifference" and lack of action concerning the salaries received by bank managers. Most members urged the Bank of Israel to deal with the matter decisively and fully. Several members expressed anger that the data concerning bank wages had not been provided yet.

Benny Shalita (Likud) said it was a disgrace and an outrage that the committee had to learn of the bank wages from the media, while the banks refuse to divulge the details.

"Israel's atomic secrets are leaking out, but the wages of top bank officials remain the best kept state secret! It's a scandal. It's time the information was laid on the table and the 'holy of holies' that is the bank wages and all their benefits be

looked into once and for all," he said.

Haim Rimon (Alignment) demanded that the bank officers be summoned before the committee to account for their wages "by hook or by crook." "I told Shapira, if you don't ask them to come, we'll show them. Without the Finance Committee the banks can close shop," he said.

Other committee members suggested that Bruno fears of going into the bank managers' wages because it might draw attention to the wages at the Bank of Israel, which are linked to those of the bank managers.

Meanwhile, Tel Aviv University Professor Arye Globerson, whose alleged report on bankers' pay amounting to \$10,000 to \$25,000 a month sparked the issue, told the committee that no actual report existed. He said he had only conducted a survey for a book he was publishing soon.

Nonetheless, he said, bankers' unofficial benefits often add up to more than what appears on their pay slips. He told the committee bank officers enjoy more than 70 different kinds of benefits, such as shares at sharply reduced prices, salaries paid in advance, entertainment and recreation fees, health services and housing. He said the banks maintain 250 cars, although they need no more than 200.

Globerson's presentation was interrupted by some committee members who accused him of not having a report or any accurate data. "The report is a deception; Globerson should have brought the committee

data and didn't. There is no such report," Ariel Weinstein (Likud) said.

As the committee was meeting dozens of the bank workers' staff workers from all over the country invaded former Leumi chairman Japhet's plush 11th floor office in the Beit Givori office building.

"We may be worms to you, but you're not son of God either," shouted one. "What you ate for dinner last night could feed my family for a week," said another. "You live in another world, and we get fired." Others threw their pay slips at him.

Although he had been warned that the workers intended to invade his office, Japhet remained defiantly seated behind his desk.

When a bank security guard, who tried to get them out, left when he was told: "We're your work committee too, we represent you, so get the hell out of here." The guard disappeared and did not come again.

Japhet refused to answer the workers' retorts beyond saying he would not reduce himself to their level.

One worker sat opposite Japhet and stuck a cigar in his mouth, mimicking Japhet.

"You live in limousines and luxury hotels, you have no idea what it's like to work for a wage you can hardly live on. The bank management sets itself a salary as though it were living on another planet," workers shouted.

The workers dispersed quietly after a few hours.

Max Frankel - in control of the 'platform'

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Early in his career at the *New York Times*, journalist Max Frankel, fed up with the copy-desk's butchery of his writing, decided to resign. He had a long talk with the *Times* legendary James ("Scotty") Reston, who agreed with practically everything the young Frankel had to say about the editing. "But Max," he finally asked, "think of the platform. Can you really give up the platform?" (David Halberstam, *The Powers That Be*.)

Frankel relented and stayed on. This week, *Times* publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger put an end to long speculation and announced the appointment of Frankel, 56, as executive editor of what is widely considered the most powerful journalistic platform in the world. On November 1, Frankel will succeed Abraham Rosenthal as head of the *New York Times*.

Frankel started at the *Times* when he was 22 only 12 years after arriving in the U.S. as a refugee from Germany where he was born in Gera, in 1930, to parents of Jewish-Polish origin.

Between 1956 and 1961, he was a foreign correspondent and it was during a stint in Moscow that he is said to have uncovered Soviet Jewry's pleas for emigration. In 1972, as Washington bureau chief, he won the Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of President Nixon's historic trip to China.

In 1982, he caused somewhat of a storm in Israeli politics by claiming in an editorial that "opposition leaders" had urged the U.S. to reduce



financial aid to Israel in an attempt to bring about the downfall of Menachem Begin's government. The then justice minister Moshe Nisim accused Labour Party leaders of "treason," and Labour tabled a no-confidence motion. What came to be known as the Frankel Affair culminated in November 1982 with the Likud government defeating the motion by a vote of 59-50.

Natalie Lavie, Director-General of UJA-Israel, who got to know Frankel well during his recent stint as consul-general in New York, has nothing but warm praise for the new editor. Frankel, says Lavie, is "an intellectual - smart, sophisticated

and capable of top-notch analysis." "He is very much aware of his Jewish identity," says Lavie "and although he is often critical of one or another aspect of Israel government policy, he genuinely admires what we have succeeded in accomplishing here."

Every day, at 3:45 p.m., the various section editors gather in the 11th floor offices of the *Times* executive editor, in Manhattan's West Side. Frankel will now be the one who ultimately decides which news stories appear on the front page.

Given the *Times*' status and pre-eminence in American journalism,

his decisions will play a crucial role in defining the agenda of the rest of the American media. Major American editors, Washington politicians, power-brokers in New York and colleagues throughout the world wait each morning for the *Times* word on which stories will ultimately be important.

The executive editor also hand-picks the *Times* reporting staff. The thousands of journalists aspiring to join the *Times* are the first screened by multiple lower echelons. But in the final analysis, the authority to hire will now rest with Frankel, who will decide not only what is written in the world's most important newspaper, but also who will write it.

Succeeding Frankel as editorial page editor will be Jack Rosenthal (no relation to Abraham). Frankel will thus relinquish control of this all-important page whose editor at the *Times* reports directly to the publisher.

The names of Frankel and Rosenthal, along with other appointments announced this week at the *Times*, clearly illustrate how the newspaper has changed since the earlier years. The century when it was dubbed "a paper owned by Jews," edited by Catholics and read by Protestants.

Notwithstanding the considerable leeway enjoyed by the executive editor, the power of the *Times* system as a whole extends its own influence. Jerusalem correspondent Thomas Friedman says of the November 1 changing of the guards: "It will be a damn good newspaper on October 31, and it will be a damn good newspaper on November 1 as well."

Music/Eli Karev

A great violinist, and an exemplary audience

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Zubin Mehta conducting, with Ida Haendel, violinist. (Mehta Auditorium, Tel Aviv, October 15.) De Falla: "The Three-Cornered Hat," suite no. 2; Lalo: Symphonie espagnole for violin and orchestra; Ravel: Bolero.

IF SORCERY in music exists at all, Ravel's *Bolero* must be the product of just such an activity; what results from a few elements, mixed a certain way and repeated numerous times, is nothing short of a miracle. The performers, of course, cannot rely on miracles, and the IPO winds had an ample opportunity to prove their virtuosity and artistic class. Mainly thanks to them and Zubin Mehta's guidance, the *Bolero* emerged so firm, clear and at the same time poetic that the interpretive achievement came close to matching the compositional one.

Besides the Ravel, the season's first "Light Classical" programme featured a neutral rendition of the second suite from the "Three-

Cornered Hat" ballet by De Falla and the violinist Ida Haendel in Lalo's "Spanish Symphony" - a surprise bonus - the first movement of the Brahms concerto. (The latter performance was filmed for a movie on the violinist's life.)

As a violin virtuoso, Haendel is in a class of her own. Her tone has rare smoothness and sweetness and the declamatory phrasing recalls great violinists of the past. It goes without saying that she makes light of any and all technically difficult passages. On this night, however, the dramatic aspects of music at hand received less expression than was their due.

The audience's exemplary concentration during the Brahms and warm reception of the work provided as convincing proof as any that some "heavier" music, if chosen judiciously, may certainly be included in the "Light-Classical" series.

PUBLIC FACES/Mark Segal



President Chaim Herzog takes time off from his coalition consultations this week to visit The Jerusalem Post's political correspondent, Mark Segal, who is recuperating from open-heart surgery at Kupat Holim's Maccabi Procardia Health Centre. Segal will resume his "Public Faces" column as soon as he is fully recovered. (Hana Gurnam)

Following Amnesty report

Press tours Far'a security detention centre

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER
For The Jerusalem Post

The grounds of the Far'a detention centre were oddly quiet. While the authorities led a rare press tour through kitchens, exercise areas and a dusty outdoor pen for meeting visitors, the Palestinian prisoners remained locked inside their cells so as to have no contact with reporters.

Only after sustained pressure from their guests did the authorities slightly relent and lead reporters through a corridor of cells where detainees whose investigations had been completed awaited transfers or sentencing.

Youthful eyes looked up from card games and books to watch the reporters file by silently - in accordance with the no-conversation rule laid down beforehand.

Even after the impromptu cell block tour, the one thing the reporters really had come to see remained off limits - the rooms where some 70 to 80 more prisoners still under investigation were being held and questioned.

"Even if you were allowed in, what would you see? A room, a table and a chair - that wouldn't prove anything," pointed out Shmuel Goren, coordinator for the territories, who accompanied the reporters. He noted that if someone did indeed want to torture prisoners, he could do it with an item as small as a pencil jammed between the knuckles.



Detainees in a Far'a cell

Goren strenuously denies that Palestinian detainees are beaten or otherwise tortured and humiliated. PLO members, however, are trained to raise unfounded allegations of torture for propaganda purposes, he said.

Such allegations became an issue again this week with the release of Amnesty International's annual report, which charges that security detainees in Israel and South Lebanon are maltreated and that their allegations are not properly investigated.

Far'a, although not mentioned specifically in the most recent Amnesty report, has long been the focus of similar complaints from former detainees.

But the Nabulus-area detention centre is only a short-term facility for investigating suspects accused of minor security violations such as stone-throwing, the raising of PLO flags and writing inflammatory slogans.

More serious terrorist suspects are interrogated at other facilities in Gaza and the West Bank, said

Moshe Bar, Far'a's commander.

Bar, who has been at Far'a for less than a year, said that his investigators are not allowed to hit prisoners or otherwise physically abuse them. He added that the detainees at Far'a also have certain privileges: they wear their own clothes and they are allowed to hug and kiss their families when they meet them across a party open fence in the prison yard.

He said that the press had been barred from visiting prisoners still under investigation so as not to disturb the process. For the same reason, International Red Cross representatives are not allowed to make fixed, regular tours of the investigation cell block, although they can make appointments to visit the prison as frequently as they want, he said.

A staff doctor on reserve duty interviewed by reporters said he did not visit the investigation cells. Instead, prisoners are checked medically before and after they are investigated, he said.

Bar said that the detention centre can hold up to 200 prisoners, and 150 detainees are in the facility now because of the recent decline in minor security incidents. The detainees are between 17 and 20 years of age.

The families of the detainees are notified immediately upon their arrest, and can visit after 14 days and even eat a meal with them, he added.

UN chief changes tune on S. Lebanon villain

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS - Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar has issued a report on Unifil that calls for Israeli withdrawal from its security zone in southern Lebanon, but does not blame Israel for recent attacks on Unifil troops in the area.

In sharp contrast to a speech last month in which Perez de Cuellar blasted Israel and said its continued occupation was responsible for the attacks on Unifil troops in the area, the new report notes that the Hizbul-

lah terrorists have frequently been cited by local sources as the cause of the attacks. The report noted that Perez de Cuellar had discussed the attacks with the foreign ministers of Syria and Iran.

While calling for Israel's evacuation of the security zone, as "the best prospect for restoring peace in southern Lebanon," the report cautioned that "the deployment of Unifil would not necessarily put an end to violence in southern Lebanon," but might in fact increase hostility towards Unifil.

Perez de Cuellar also noted that, "Israel has legitimate concerns over the security of its northern border, from which it has been, and still is, subject to attack." The report said that Israel is ready to give "serious consideration to concrete proposals by the UN which take into account security for [Israel's] northern borders."

Perez de Cuellar raised the possibility of deploying the Lebanese Army in southern Lebanon, and expressed the hope that that option will be considered.

Israeli sources here were pleased that the report does not blame Israel, but rather advocates a step-by-step approach to resolving the situation in southern Lebanon.

It was not clear if the Security Council will meet to consider the secretary-general's report. There was no immediate comment by French spokesmen here on the report, and it is believed that French leaders have not yet decided whether or not to withdraw their contingent from Unifil.

Last-minute touches for the Succot holiday

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Families throughout the country today will be putting the finishing touches on their succot, the booths for the holiday of the same name which begins tonight.

Thousands of Israelis will vacation during the week-long holiday at such traditional Succot sites as Eilat and Lake Kinneret. Others will remain at home, taking their meals and sleeping in the succa.

In an effort to reduce the destruction of trees for the branches which form the roof of the succa,

municipalities have made cuttings available. The Jewish National Fund and the Nature Reserves Authority have issued appeals not to destroy trees, and the chief rabbis have forbidden the sale or use of branches wantonly cut from trees.

Markets throughout the country were crowded with people buying the traditional four species for the holiday, lulav (palm), etrog (citron), hadas (myrtle) and arava (willow). The Habad Hassidim have set up 85 public succot "of brotherhood and unity," 15 of them mobile, for use by passers-by.

Among the events scheduled for the holiday will be a wine festival at the Zichron Ya'acov cellars of

Carmel Mizrahi on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. Visitors will be able to drink unlimited quantities of wine for the price of an initial glass, and will be entertained by free street performances and concerts.

The Netanya municipality has planned a series of nightly folklore performances starting tomorrow. They include Yemenite, hassidic, Russian, American and Georgian evenings.

Succot is also the time of year for the annual conference of the Israel Exploration Society. This year's conference, which is to take place in Ashdod and Ashkelon, is to be devoted to the

Business

Cardo, active self-restaurant for sale, 45,000. 02-28388, 02-434041, 02-271906.

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Industrial Premises

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Shops

Shops to let in centre area of new market, Beit Israel. 02-662266.

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She

Biological, world traveler, 35, warm, sensitive, dynamic, seeks partner for life. POB 740, Jerusalem, for 106.

The Astrology Connection, correspondence for Poles. 02-720429.

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He

The Astrology Connection, correspondence for Scorpio. 02-720429.

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Sales campaign, electronic shavers for cars, also regular battery. NIS 27. Motza, 22 Ben Sima, Jerusalem, 251993.

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Cake display case + cooker, 2 meters, glass, from US. 02-573707.

Canadian home contents, bedroom, dining, lamps. 02-352939.

For sale, new National M-3 video camera, in packing with original case, bargain. 02-620533.

Books
Seeking full volumes of Hebrew Encyclopedia in good condition. 66851, not Shabbat.

General

Announcements

Barbara Bauer (nee Price) of London, now living in Toronto, will be at Lawrence Hotel in Jerusalem, October 21-26. Friends and relatives are kindly requested to contact her.

Schools / Lessons

Holyland Studio offers evening lessons in Hebrew. 19.00, 02-225394, 02-666248.

Private lessons, mathematics and/or computer. Spanish or Hebrew. 433979.

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Sale, luxurious villa, Tibna, near Kinneret Hotel, 10 rooms on two floors, faces sea, half domain. 02-257938, evenings.

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Clerk for double ledger bookkeeping, 16.00-19.00, computerized bookkeeping knowledge advantage. POB 7661, Haifa.

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Matrimonial

He
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Personal

Grad

MARKET PLACE

PINHAS LANDAU

Does the market know best?

The share market has put in what can only be described as a sterling performance these last few weeks, especially this week, when it had to ride out a supposed government crisis, a very real - if limited - rise in interest rates and a higher-than-expected consumer price index. Any one of these factors could have had a severe impact on the market, and certainly could have served as a valid excuse for a hefty bout of profit-taking, after a period of consistent gains.

Yet nothing of the sort happened. True, the market slipped slightly on Wednesday, and was fairly flat yesterday, but this was an apology of a correction, if that's what it was supposed to be. Unless next week brings a sudden reverse, it would seem that the market has weathered everything that could be thrown against it. Over the past week the non-bank index rose 0.83 per cent, industrial and real-estate companies gained more than 1 per cent. The whole atmosphere was buoyant. Since the beginning of this month, the non-bank index has advanced a hefty 5 per cent, with the industrial and investment sectors in the vanguard.

To put the "blame" for this surge on the liquidity of investors and the lack of investment alternatives would seem both too simple and somewhat simplistic. If people have money, there are no end of ways for them to spend it, without being attracted to the share market. Indeed, for along while they shunned it like the plague. Similarly, not only shares, but index-linked bonds, too, are climbing steadily, showing that there are alternatives, but that all of them are being utilized - either by different people, or by the same people diversifying their portfolios.

By extension, the relative attractiveness of unlinked shchel deposits, in a period of steady and possibly rising inflation, has at least dimmed, if not vanished altogether. Although Treasury bill volume has remained good, and although there has been continued interest in bank deposits of various sorts, there is no flood or even stream of money pouring into that sector, as there was six months or a year ago.

But, ultimately, the trend must be put down to that most intangible of market factors, the mood. If the mood is bullish, announcements of a loss for the first half, no one gives it much weight. Instead they pay attention to the fact that in the more recent months things have been picking up for that giant concern. Similarly, they give disproportionate attention to positive results from much smaller companies. Had their attitude been reversed, no one could have blamed them, on the most basic of fundamental grounds, but the mood is, bullish verging on very bullish.

Hence the blithe indifference to the political shenanigans that dominated the front pages this week. The market just assumes that the government will get back together and carry on functioning. It also seems to assume that the first rise in interest rates in 18 months will also be the last, before rates start heading back down. It is convinced that the recent surge in exports will continue while the surge in imports will not be damped. Maybe it also assumes that the threat of a budget deficit next year and/or a hard struggle to cut government spending in the run-up to the 1987 budget, will reach a happy ending as well. As for higher inflation, maybe the market assumes that that can be contained or, at worst, can become the excuse for price rises for manufacturers.

In short, the share market believes everything in the garden is lovely, and has gone quite a long way on that basis. Some people might take a less sanguine view. Some people might even say that the market was just plain overbought - but then again some people always do.

A penny saved...

The Knesset Finance Committee was sitting over the issue of enormous salaries allegedly being paid to senior bankers, and the Bank Leumi works committee was taking its own line of action by visiting Ernest Japhet by telling their former lord and master what they really thought of him. But the real solution to all Bank Leumi's problems is surely contained in a note that recently went up on staff noticeboards at branches and offices throughout the bank.

It appears that if customers of, say, Leumi, draw money from a cash dispensing machine of another bank, say Discount, then Discount charges Leumi for the service it provided to Leumi's customer. The cost is 20 cents per transaction. Drawing its workers' attention to this fact, Leumi's management urges its staff to take care always to draw their money from Leumi machines and thereby save the bank all those nasty little 20-cent debits. Like the old saying has it, look after the pence and the big boys will look after themselves.

INFLATION. - Consumer prices in the 24 member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development rose by only 2.4 per cent in the 12 months to August, the lowest rise since July, 1984.

Ad group to bid for TV licence

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The Advertisers Association will compete for the tender due to be issued soon for broadcasting programmes on the second television channel through a company it controls, PMT Ltd., The Jerusalem Post has learned.

PMT will vie with other production companies and television studios on the franchise to operate broadcasts on one or more days of the week. According to the draft bill authorizing the second channel, different companies will get franchises to operate each day's broadcasts.

Early next week, PMT's board of directors and the Advertisers Association management are due to meet with attorney Avraham Poraz, head of the team appointed by Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein to form the second channel. Attorney Ram Caspi will represent PMT. They will discuss guidelines for making the tender.

It was also learned that PMT will negotiate with other companies planning to operate television broadcasts in order to work with them. PMT also plans to buy advertising broadcasting time for its members.

Advertisers Association chairman Bronislaw Thau told The Post that PMT would not produce advertisements. It will merely serve as a purchasing company for the advertisers, while the advertisements placed in the time spots it purchases will be prepared by advertising agencies.

Thau stressed that PMT represents some 140 shareholders from the private, state and Histadrut sectors. The fact that certain advertisers are competitors would have nothing to do with the company's function as a buyer of advertising time, he said. "There is no conflict of interest."

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Opec makes progress on accord

GENEVA (Reuters). - Opec President Rikman Lukman told a news conference last night the cartel had broadly agreed on defining parameters on which new oil output quotas should be based and on weightings to attach to these, but one of the 13 members has reservations on the weighting to attach to one parameter.

He also said it had not been finally decided whether seven or eight of the parameters now defined would be finally accepted when the ministers start trying to fix quotas today. Asked whether foreign debt was the eighth factor, Lukman said only "possibly."

Pressed to confirm whether there was broad agreement on at least seven of the eight parameters, he said, "as broad as you can expect under present circumstances..." "We have ideas. We know the parameters that should go into a quota computation..."

Egypt cuts oil prices
CAIRO (Reuters). - Egypt yesterday decreed a cut of 60 cents a barrel in its October oil prices in a bid to maintain exports, following reports that Opec had so far failed to agree on oil production limits.

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Employers' NII contributions to be cut to pay for wage hikes

By AVI TEMKIN
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FINANCIAL DATA ISRAEL, EUROPE, U.S.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS
SHEKEL INTEREST RATES
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	Last Updated	Tapas	Pakam 7-Day	Pakam 30-Day
LEUMI	16.10	7-13.50%	8-16.50%	8-18.50%
DISCOUNT	21.9	8-15%	10-15.75%	12-14.50%
MIZRAHI	8.5	8-15%	8-16%	8-17.50%
FIRST INTL	23.7	8-15%	7-17%	6-17%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(Tapas: demand deposit paying daily interest.
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 99 days.)

PATAH - FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (October 16)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD (\$100,000)	5,250	5,250	5,375
STG (£10,000 pounds)	9,500	9,500	9,625
DMK (100,000 marks)	3,625	3,750	3,750
SFR (50,000 francs)	3,125	3,125	3,125
YEN (3,000,000 yen)	3,250	3,375	3,250

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

	CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS	BANKNOTES	Rep.
Currency basket	1	1	1
U.S. Dollar	1.4713	1.4897	1.4813
Deutschmark	0.7467	0.7550	0.7506
Pound Sterling	2.1184	2.1458	2.1306
French Franc	0.2277	0.2306	0.2282
Japanese Yen	0.0084	0.0083	0.0084
Dutch Florin	0.0089	0.0082	0.0084
Swiss Franc	0.9107	0.9221	0.9172
Swedish Krona	0.2184	0.2191	0.2177
Norwegian Krone	0.2227	0.2262	0.2238
Denish Krone	0.1380	0.2005	0.2021
Finland Mark	0.3048	0.3088	0.3031
Canadian Dollar	1.0585	1.0717	1.0660
Australian Dollar	0.9416	0.9534	0.9478
S. African Rand	0.6547	0.6522	0.6547
Belgian Franc	0.3355	0.3501	0.3537
Austrian Shilling	1.0000	1.0733	1.0689
Italian Lira	1.0779	1.0914	1.0840
Jordanian Dinar	—	—	4.12
Egyptian Pound	—	—	78
Supplied by Bank Leumi	1.5522	1.5716	1.5623

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS

(October 16)
PRECIOUS METALS
GOLD: LONDON A.M. FIX 426.00 P.M. FIX 425.50
PARIS NOON FIX 424.83 ZURICH P.M. 425.63
SILVER: LONDON FIX 556.90
PLATINUM: LONDON P.M. 574.00
PALLADIUM: LONDON P.M. 136.50

	SPOT	2 MTHS	3 MTHS	6 MTHS
DEUTSCHMARK	1.97288	5247	7186	128120
POUND STERLING	1.440010	129126	196192	373368
SWISS FRANC	1.615565	64/59	83/78	153143
JAPANESE YEN	154.1020	33/31	44/41	85/80
FRENCH FRANC	6.488000	300/25	500/50	860/10
ITALIAN LIRA	1355.0075	1085/1165	1625/1750	3300/3425
DUTCH GILDER	41.231018	21/19	32/28	61/56
BELGIAN FRANC	41.010025	10/12	15/18	29/34
DANISH KRONA	7.430050	350/400	565/515	1195/1295
S.AFRICAN RAND	0.448070	30/23	40/33	80/70
EUROPEAN CURRENCY UNIT	1.954580	32/29	48/42	87/81
ESPANISH PESA	4.327200	830/800	830/800	1620/1720
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	0.840007	86/83	123/118	213/207
NORWEGIAN KRONA	7.270050	1115/1135	1615/1635	3075/3115

Formula for determining forward rates:
high/low (eg. 220/210) - deduct from spot price.
low/high (eg. 210/220) - add to spot price.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL MARKETS (October 16)

U.S. MONEY RATES
Prime rate 7.50%; Broker Loan 6.75%; NY Euros 3 months 5 1/4-5 1/4%; Fed Funds late 5 1/4%

	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
CLOSING	1.9770/80	1.6165/75	1.4390/00	154.24/30	1.3883/87
OPENING	1.9705/15	1.6140/50	1.4385/05	154.03/08	1.3889/95
LATEST	1.9760/60	1.6200/15	1.4378/83	154.24/29	1.3888/93

Comment
The dollar nestled in narrow ranges in mid-afternoon yesterday as persistent fear of central-bank intervention deterred traders from testing lower levels. Sterling was also steady, supported by comments by Ecuador's oil minister that Opec has agreed on parameters to be used in reallocating quotas. The market was awaiting Chancellor Lawson's Mansion House speech.

ISRAELI STOCKS TRADED IN NEW YORK:

	Last	Prev. Close	High	Low	Vol ('00s)
Alliance	151A	151A	151A	151A	43
Am Int'l Pap	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	21
Ampl	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	110
Elctron	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	1
Elct Luvud	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	1
Lezer Inds	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4	67

WALL STREET Closing Prices

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Warding off the threat of war

Hirsh Goodman

The terrorist agenda

LIKE VULTURES swooping down on carrion, the Palestinian terrorist gangs have rushed to claim "credit" for the attempted mass murder just outside the Old City wall on Wednesday night.

First to announce its claim was Yasser Arafat's "mainstream" PLO, broadcasting from, of all places, Cairo, to the embarrassment, so it seems, of its host, President Hosni Mubarak. It was followed by Naef Hawatmeh's Damascus-based Democratic Front, then by a new-fangled entry which titles itself the Islamic Jihad in Palestine, and finally by the arch-assassin Abu Nidal.

In the terrorist accounts, the hurling of two—possibly three—hand-grenades at Givati soldier recruits emerging with members of their families from a swearing-in ceremony at the Western Wall, was converted into heroic, suicidal battle by Palestinian warriors against the IDF, in the course of which scores of Israelis were killed and wounded. This, roughly, is the version of the outrage that was transmitted throughout most of the Arab world.

To Israelis it is scarcely a consolation that "only" one person, a soldier's father, in fact died from wounds inflicted by the terrorists, and that "only" one other person was in grave condition yesterday. The fact that the perpetrators of the clearly well-planned assault managed to escape, and are still at large, is itself reason for a probe, even if the bloodbath that must have been intended did not quite materialize.

The army is promising an investigation. This is fine: provided the investigation does not confine itself to the predictable discovery that tighter security arrangements should have been taken at the parking lot near Dung Gate. The real question is why such tighter security arrangements—the lack of which, particularly at night, was commented upon by participants in earlier swearing-in ceremonies—were not taken. Especially as the reverses the terrorists have lately suffered in the West Bank should have been expected to elicit from them a more-or-less routine terrorist response.

Wednesday night's response may indeed have been somewhat less than routine because the terrorists, long chafing under the accusation of cowardice in aiming their guns and bombs at civilians, could point to a large body of Israeli soldiery as their quarry.

In his instant comment on the attack the defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, virtually ruled this possibility out. The terrorists, he thought, had had nothing on their minds but the killing of a maximum number of Jews, not necessarily soldiers. Perhaps, but perhaps not. It had not been exactly a military secret that a military swearing-in ceremony was going to be held at the Western Wall.

One lesson from the outrage that does not need to await the filing of an investigative report is that, if such mass military rites must be held at such an exposed site, the IDF must leave nothing to chance in protecting its men.

ROTATION

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ing to Labour sources this was already part of the agreement okayed yesterday afternoon by Shamir and Peres. Objections to it were raised later by some Likud members, it was claimed.

The Likud version was that this clause had not been part of the original deal, but something which Labour sought to insert later to limit the prime minister's ability to relegate authority.

The Likud ministers were still conferring on the matter late last night. Another unexpected complication was the attorney-general's ruling that there cannot be two ministers in the foreign ministry. Peres had been

planning to take Ezer Weizman there with him, as it is not likely that he could stay on at the prime minister's office.

Publicly the Labour Party put on its best face concerning the draft agreement with the Likud, but privately ministers and MKs were strongly critical of both the agreement and the fact that Labour had allowed the dispute to reach the proportions it had.

Knesset caucus chairman Rafi Edri, a leading Labour troublemaker during the past week, denied that there had ever been a crisis. "Such disagreements are natural when a new government is established," Edri said. "Better they come now than later."

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter

Here are the major points of the 18-clause draft agreement reached yesterday:

- A 25-member government will be established with Yitzhak Moda'i serving as minister without portfolio.
- The foreign minister will be responsible for naming candidates to the post of ambassador to Washington. The actual choice of the ambassador will be made by the premier and the foreign minister in consultation.
- The premier will not alter the functions of cabinet ministers and deputy ministers without the approval of the vice premier. (This clause was still under debate late last night.)
- A decree will be issued or legislation initiated to enable the appointment of deputy ministers who are not MKs.
- Items proposed by the vice premier for the cabinet agenda will receive priority.

KIMCHE

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cultivated ties which never should have been cultivated. They were weeds. Now he washes his hands of any connection, and says he only wanted to establish links with our neighbours. And while Kimche was director-general (1980-86), the ministry became a willing tool of (former defence minister Ariel) Sharon's Lebanese adventure, partly because of Kimche's Phalangist predilection [from the 1970s].

Rafael, who served as director-general from 1967 to 1972, and was in the foreign service from its foundation in 1948, said that the ministry, in its formative years, was far from the "cocktail circuit" institution depicted in Kimche's TV interview. The ministry spent the first years of the state "putting Israel on the map," establishing the foundations of its relations with the rest of the world, establishing ties with Diaspora Jewry and raising funds for the absorption of the mass immigration of the 1950s, said Rafael.

Rafael added that despite the primacy of the defence establish-

- After the allotted 25 months of the Shamir government the cabinet agenda will be set jointly by the premier and the vice premier. (This was a compromise solution to Labour's demand for a mini-rotation at the end of Shamir's term.)
- The mechanism for senior civil service appointments will be amended and will require the approval of both premier and vice premier.
- Peres will serve as chairman of the cabinet committee on Jerusalem and the Negev.
- All economic issues will be approved by the finance minister and the economic minister, or by the premier and vice premier, before being brought before the cabinet.
- An annex to the agreement, details of which have been kept secret, establishes a new method of appointing members to the management committee of the Broadcasting Authority.

ment in much of the major decision-making in the formative years, the ministry was not shunted aside, but, for example, spent the six months after the Siani Campaign in a giant political battle that assured the fruits of victory.

"Had we ended the war by withdrawing together with the French and British, Israel would not have had the 10-year respite during which we built up our infrastructure, absorbed the immigrants and reinforced the army (for 1967)," said Rafael. "So if that's 10 years of cocktails, then cocktails are miracle drugs."

Rafael added that the real problem behind the ministry's being shunted aside in major policy-making in recent years was not connected with information efforts—how to explain after the event the bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981 or the invasion of Lebanon in 1982—but with the fact that there was no ministry input beforehand regarding the actual issues at stake, whether or not to bomb or to invade. (See Kimche interview page four).

THE PREDICTIONS of inevitable war with Syria within the next few years, postulated by senior generals this past week, may be exaggerated. But that does not automatically negate the potentiality of such a war.

All the indications are there: President Assad's continued commitment to massive military spending despite his country's dire economic straits; the bellicosity of the statements emanating from Damascus; the continued deployment of Syrian forces, especially anti-aircraft missile and ground-to-ground missile systems, in a manner that presupposes conflict; the government-inspired messages to the Syrian people readying them for war; and the tone of intra-Arab Syrian diplomacy.

Add to all this Assad's personal and repeatedly declared determination not to go down in history as the man who lost the Golan Heights (or "the heart of Syria," as he calls it) and many reasons why a limited conflict with Israel would be in Syria's interest, and war does not seem improbable.

Notwithstanding the cogent arguments that could be made against the Syrian president's deciding to take on Israel one-to-one, the portents of war cannot be ignored—especially not by a generation of Israeli military youth on the catastrophe of the Yom Kippur War.

The message coming from the military here these past weeks has been clear, albeit with variations of nuance, that, logic aside, war with Syria is not only possible, it is probable. Moreover, given the gas-warfare capabilities and sophisticated ground-to-ground missiles that have been added to the Syrian arsenal since 1973, that war could be more expensive than anything Israel has known in the past.

Yet the politicians of this country, just as during the months of national self-delusion before the 1973 surprise attack that left 2,838 killed and 8,800 wounded, and cost \$7.1 bil-

lion, continue to occupy themselves with self-indulgent party maneuvering.

It is not the parochialism of the current political debate, however, that is of concern. Israel's deterrent capacity can sustain a few days of internal political bickering. But Israel cannot do without statesmanship; without a coherent, comprehensive, long-range strategic plan that will consolidate the elements of deterrence and make it impossible for Syria to go to war, regardless of Assad's current intentions.

THERE ARE two basic pillars upon which deterrence vis-à-vis the Syrians is based: ensuring that Syria remains isolated; and making it clear to Assad that Israel, not Syria, will dictate the limits of any conflict. The Syrian leader must be left in no doubt that what he may have intended as a limited "land-grab" on the Golan could end up being fought in the suburbs of Damascus.

It is the first element of the strategic equation—Syrian isolation—that is the imperative one. For despite the bravado behind Syrian declarations about having attained strategic parity with Israel, it is obvious to most military analysts, including Syria's, that while a one-to-one fight would be expensive for Israel, it would be disastrous for Syria.

An added reason for Assad not to become involved in a war with Israel that could result in the destruction of his army is the high probability that politically, it would lead to the end of the hegemony of Assad's hated Alawite faction and put paid to any Syrian hope of continuing to prop up a pro-Syrian government in Beirut.

Given these realities, he is in danger of being remembered not only as the man who lost the Golan Heights, but as the man who also lost Syria for the Alawites and Beirut for Damascus.

READERS' LETTERS

ENOUGH!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir—Every now and then, suddenly hundreds of thousands of TV viewers are suddenly prevented from seeing programmes, primarily Mabat, because one or another group of the workers has some grievances.

For months now, the nurses have been frequently leaving their posts because of ever-increasing demands.

Who suffers mostly from these strikes? The government? Certainly not. You and I suffer, day in and day out, it becomes more unbearable.

However justifiable certain demands may be, whatever our personal sympathy towards the workers, they have managed to arouse a feeling of disgust and opposition in the public.

How long can we remain silent? How long will we let them affect our daily lives and even endanger our health?

RENE WEIL
Jerusalem.

SETTLING THE NEGEV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir—I appeal to the assembly of the Negev representatives not to boycott the Ben-Gurion celebrations (your report of September 24). Of course, the Negev has been short-changed and so has the Galilee; of course, it has become a peripheral area—no one visiting the towns of Yeroham or Mitzpe Ramon would deny the fact.

There have been wonderful achievements in the Negev, the Museum at Mitzpe Ramon not being the least of them. If the Negev representatives cancel or do not participate in the celebrations (which will undoubtedly take place with or without their cooperation), then how can they show the public the positive side of living in the Negev, in preference to settling in a hostile area. If they want people to come and settle with them this is their chance.

Our English-speaking Wizo groups toured the Negev and met and talked to many people living there. The Negev is a new and exciting challenge that may well encourage a pioneering spirit from abroad. The representatives of the Negev should not lose the opportunity: Ben-Gurion would not have done so.

EVELYN CHENKIN
Chairman, English-Speaking Wizo Groups Liaison Committee
Mishmar David.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir—Contrary to A. Raban's letter of October 7 about Bezek's disconnection of 10,000 subscribers' telephones, I did not have any prior knowledge of this action. Had I known about it, I would have counselled against it.

The fact that Bezek is an independent, albeit government-owned, corporation, means that I do not control its actions. This is the inevitable price paid for a formula which has otherwise paid many dividends and improved the telephone service.

Upon hearing this news, I asked Zvi Zur, chairman of Bezek's board, to look into this matter. I was assured by him and by Zvi Amid, the managing director, that about 80 per cent of the subscribers disconnected were reached by phone and were warned in due time about the impending disconnection and that Bezek would, in the future, add outstanding debts to current accounts.

I am truly sorry that so much inconvenience was caused to many of Bezek's subscribers, but urge all telephone users to be prompt in their payments so that Bezek can invest the necessary funds in order to continue and improve the telephone service.

AMNON RUBINSTEIN
Minister of Communications
Jerusalem.

PENGUIN BOOKS SALES DISPLAYS

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The Friday Dry Bones

SUCCOT AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SAT IN THEIR BRAMBLE AND LEAF COVERED HUTS.

AND REB SHULDIG SAID: IF SHAMIR IS NOT YET IN AND PERES IS GOING OUT... THEN WE CAN BE SAID TO HAVE HALF A PRIME MINISTER.

...THEN ISRAEL CAN BE SAID TO HAVE ONE PRIME MINISTER... BUT IN TWO PARTS!

ALL... BUT AS PERES IS STILL IN AND SHAMIR SOON WILL BE, THEN ISRAEL CAN BE SAID TO HAVE ONE AND A HALF P.M.S!

BUT IF WE SAY THAT PERES GOING OUT IS HALF AND SHAMIR COMING IN IS HALF...

NU? SO HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THE SUCCA WILL HOLD TOGETHER?

LONG ENOUGH.

IF IT DOESN'T RAIN.

ALL THIS, however, is dependent on the assumption that if war should break out, Syria will have to stand alone. That assumption cannot be taken for granted. The Iraq-Iran war could end sooner than expected, providing Syria with two important potential allies on the eastern front. Moreover, there is no guarantee that the current state of peace on Israel's other borders—Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon will continue indefinitely.

Israel has no control over the future of the Iraq-Iran war, and this country's strategic calculations have to take into account that it could end to our disadvantage. Israel also has little control over the future situation on the Lebanese border. But it can, and must, consolidate the peace with Egypt and the *de facto* peace on the Jordanian front—and this is where a clear government policy is needed.

Yitzhak Shamir's declared policies do not indicate that this will be the case. The incoming prime minister is, at best, blurred as to his strategy with regard to Egypt, and all too clear in his policies toward Jordan and the Palestinians—policies that can only serve to exacerbate the

situation, not consolidate it. Unlike his predecessor, Shamir has a closed mind. His positions, as expounded during the year of tortuous Taba negotiations, set at risk the larger, infinitely more important goal of using Taba to entrench the peace process in order to score minor tactical points. His obduracy during these talks was fuelled not only by his constitutional unwillingness to agree to any action that could be interpreted as a concession, but also by his deep suspicion of all Arabs at all times. Instead of seeing Egypt as an integral part of the pro-Israeli equation, he continued intellectually to lump Egypt with the enemy, and thus jeopardized one of the major factors in keeping Syria at bay.

IT IS ON the Jordanian issue, however, that Shamir could do most damage in the two years and one month he theoretically has at the helm. The seeds of conciliation were planted during Peres's premiership. Given his personal views and the expected pressure from the right wing of his party, it is hardly to be expected that Shamir will allow those seeds to come to fruition.

He will surely do all he can to nip in the bud any process that could lead to having to compromise on the West Bank, and with it any chance of ensuring a permanent state of non-belligerence on the Jordanian front. He can also be expected, again as a synthesis of his own philosophies on the use of power and pressure from his right wing, to use disproportionate force to deal with any provocation from Lebanon and any terrorist incidents in Israel.

It is thus with trepidation that one looks toward the coming term of the national unity government. Two years in the Middle East is a long, long time. Situations we take for granted now could change as quickly as they did in October 1973.

If the current stability on Israel's borders is allowed to deteriorate; if there is no active Israeli policy to consolidate the unprecedented propitious strategic situation that the country currently enjoys; if no movement at all is made on the Palestinian question, the chances of war with Syria will increase dramatically.

Assad will certainly do all he can to ensure that this is the case.

APOLOGY TO OUR READERS

On September 29, 1986, we printed a Readers' Letter on this page concerning "the misuse of funds" donated by Jews abroad to Israel.

The letter, ostensibly submitted by three brothers named Cohen, living in New York, Los Angeles and London, took exception to new cars purchased by the Jewish Agency for its chairman and treasurer and to reports that MK Yitzhak Moda'i had purchased a \$900 suit, while a member of the cabinet, at government expense.

The signatories of the letter, who described themselves as generous donors to Israel causes—\$300,000 yearly—said they would now divert their philanthropy to their own communities abroad.

An internal inquiry by the Jewish Agency showed that no donors with these names are listed on the records of the UJA or Keren Hayesod. Nor does the King David Hotel, on whose stationery the letter was writ-

ten, have any record of guests bearing these names on and around the date of the letter.

We must assume, therefore, that The Jerusalem Post in this instance, fell victim to a fabrication by unnamed persons seeking to abuse the liberal policy of our Readers' Letters column, which is designed to afford our readers wide expression of opinion.

We regret the embarrassment this has caused the institutions and personalities mentioned in the aberrant letter, and the damage inflicted on the credibility of this column.

We ask our readers' understanding for measures we may adopt to further tighten the safeguards we apply to prevent such victimization in the future.

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